Kabariti leaves for UAE, Bahrain today

AMMAN (J.T.) — Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti leaves on official visits to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain today (Monday) in the first such visit by a Jordanian foreign minister to these countries after the Gulf crisis. Mr. Kabariti, in comments carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said his visit was aimed at "clearing the Arab atmosphere and pave the way for collective Arab action in the interests of the Arab Nation." Mr. Kabariti said he was making the visit in response to invitations extended to him by his UAE and Bahraini counterparts. Mr. Kabariti who took office on language in the grammant of Sharif Kabariti, who took office on Jan. 8 in the governmen Zeid Ben Shaker, has already visited Cairo and Tunis to advance Jordan's efforts for Arab reconciliation and heal the rift caused by the Gulf crisis. He was successful in arranging a visit to Jordan by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Jan. 21 for the first time



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'AIRO (AFP) - League is lanning to organise an interational meeting on ending ne conflict between warring lans in Somalia before U.N. roops pull out in March, a rading official said Suriday. eague Secretary-General smat Abdul Meguid told **Jurnalists** that invitations ad been sent to U.N. Secretry General Boutros Ghali as well as all the Somali actions in the conflict and to oncerned countries." He dded that the league would rut forward "suggestions on rays of peacefully solving the omali crisis." Last year two lelegations from the pan-Arab organisation visited iomalia in a vain bid to reoncile the factions.

sraeli firm finds oil **vest of Dead Sea**

TEL AVIV (R) -- An Israeli ril exploration company has ound crude oil just west of he Dead Sea but it is not yet mown whether it is of comnercial quantity, an energy ninistry spokesman said on sunday. The find was made y state-controlled Israel National Oil Company, Hand. Shares in other oil ex-Horation companies traded m the Tel Aviv bourse cared by 10 per cent on the news. Drilling at the site, alled Tzuk Tamrur, will coninue for at least another nonth to determine whether the find is of commercial zalue, the ministry spokes-

Russian embassy in Yemen attacked

SANAA (AP) - The Russian embassy was attacked bere last week in an act linked to the Chechen war, but no, injuries were reported. Two: hand grenade were hurled into the walled compound in the centre of the capital on Jan. 22, an embassy diplomat said Sunday. He Russia's ITAR-TASS news agency Sunday quoted Minister-Counselor Leonid Rogov saying one of the grenades exploded, shattering windows and causing some structural damage. ITAR-TASS said newspapers in Yemen have described the attack as "an act of retribution" in solidarity with Chechen Muslims battling a Russian military campaign aimed at crushing their bid for independence.

Qaboos accepts land gift in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Sultan Qaboos of Oman has accepted a gift of land in Pakistan that became a focus of controversy in the country, the visiting Omani commerce minister said here Sunday. Maqbool Ben Alf Sultan dismissed doubts that the recent controversy over the gift of 100 acres in the coastal area of Gawadar in Baluchistan would dampen relations between the two countries. Oman's relations with all sides in Pakistan are very good and we have got no problems with any party," he said. Political opponents of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto had accused her of selling back Gawadar to Oman, which sold and ceded the area to Pakistan in 1958. "A gift of 100 acres was given and His Majesty accepted that as it is very normal thing to do," Mr. Maqbool said.

Kuwait could face extremism'

KUWAIT (R) - A Kuwaiti feligious activist said in re-marks published on Sunday the government was trying to curb Islamsst influence and this could cause extremism and intolerance. "There is evidence that ... the government is trying to trim the wings of Islamic work," Al Anba daily quoted Nazem Al Mesbah, an influential member of the Salaf Islamist movement, as saying. "The behaviour of some officials... might lead to extremism. People are emotional about their beliefs," said Mr. Mes-

neeting on Somalia

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN — The government of Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker on Sunday won the confidence of the Lower House of Parliament with 54 deputies voting in its favour, 22 withholding confidence and one lawmaker abstaining. Two deputies were absent and House Speaker Sa'd Hayel Srour did not vote. Deputies who withheld confidence from the govern-

ment were the 17 members of the Islamic Action Front, independent deputy Talal Obeidat (Irbid) and leftist parliamentarians Khalil Haddadin (Amman), Bassam Haddadin (Zarqa), Mustafah Shneikat (Balqa) and Toujan

Faisal (Amman). The two deputies who were absent from the voting were Ibrahim Shihdeh (Balqa) and Farah Al Rabadi (Ajloun), Abdul Hafez Shakhanbeh (Madaba) was the lawmaker who abstained.

The vote came at the end of a two-day session in which 32 lawmakers took the floor to express their views on the government and its policies.

The government was expected to win such a comfortable majority due to its inclusion of 17 lawmakers who represent the majority of parhamentary blocs and "the respect and confidence in which members of the House hold the prime minister," as some deputies put it.

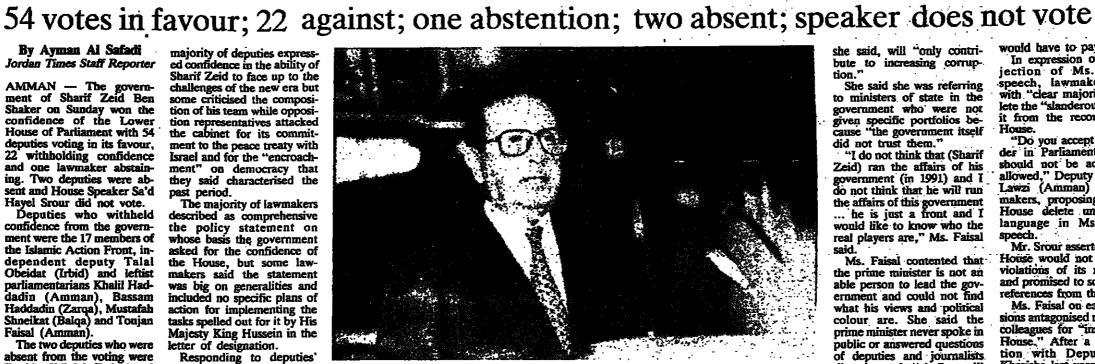
In their 'speeches, the

majority of deputies express-ed confidence in the ability of Sharif Zeid to face up to the challenges of the new era but some criticised the composition of his team while opposithe cabinet for its commitment to the peace treaty with Israel and for the "encroachment" on democracy that they said characterised the

past period The majority of lawmakers described as comprehensive the policy statement on whose basis the government asked for the confidence of the House, but some lawmakers said the statement was big on generalities and included no specific plans of action for implementing the tasks spelled out for it by His Majesty King Hussein in the

letter of designation. Responding to deputies' comments before the vote of confidence was cast, Sharif Zeid said these comments would be taken into consideration by the government which , he said, would continue to cooperate with the legislature (see excerpts of the speech on page 7).

The prime minister also reiterated pledges to consolidate democracy, respect freedom of expression, improve the economy, organise the labour market, strengthen efforts to ease the burdens of poverty and unemployment, develop the education curricula, maintain support for the Palestinians and seek better ties with Arab countries.



Government wins confidence vote

Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Sunday addresses the cast a vote of confidence in his cabinet (photo Lower House of Parliament before deputies by Yousef A'llan)

Sharif Zeid's speech addressed most of the issues raised by lawmakers in the confidence debate but he said the "good Islamic manners according to which we were brought up, respect for the House" and the country were among the reasons why he would not respond to "the slander" that he and his government had to listen to during the session.

The prime minister was referring to the unprecedented scathing personal attack that Deputy Toujan Faisal launched at him in her speech.

In the speech, "slanderous" parts of which the solidated. House voted to delete from its official records, Ms. Faisal accused Sharif Zeid of being

a "front for other players" who, she claimed, run the affairs of the government. She said the only good quality of Sharif Zeid that her investigation" about him revealed was that he is "a good man" which, she said, is not

prime minister. Though she warned her colleagues against confusing the government with regime.

enough to qualify him to be a

Ms. Faisal said such confusion had already been con-

As Ms. Faisal continued her "slander" against the prime minister, Mr. Srour warned her twice that he would stop her from completing her speech unless she abides by the regulations of the House which ban personal attacks.

Protests against the speech were also made by several deputies but Ms. Faisal carried on levelling accusations against Sharif Zeid and some members of his team, who,

bute to increasing corrup-

She said she was referring to ministers of state in the government who were not given specific portfolios because "the government itself did not trust them."

"I do not think that (Sharif Zeid) ran the affairs of his government (in 1991) and I do not think that he will run the affairs of this government he is just a front and I would like to know who the real players are," Ms. Faisal

Ms. Faisal contented that the prime minister is not an able person to lead the government and could not find what his views and political colour are. She said the prime minister never spoke in public or answered questions of deputies and journalists. directly and "challenged" him to speak in a public meeting with journalists. politicians and other people.

Ms. Faisal also attacked the peace process, which, she said, the previous government concluded under orders from foreign powers. She also attacked the press, senior officers in the armed and security forces, questioned the independence of the judiciary and rejected the fairness of the parliamentary

elections of 1989. Fellow deputies were also attacked by Ms. Faisal for allegedly giving confidence to governments under threats, saying that some time they

she said, will "only contri- would have to pay for that. In expression of their rejection of Ms. Faisal's speech, lawmakers voted with "clear majority" to de-lete the "slanderous" parts in it from the records of the

"Do you accept such slander in Parliament? Slander should not be accepted or allowed," Deputy Mifleh Al Lawzi (Amman) told lawmakers, proposing that the House delete unacceptable language in Ms. Faisal's

Mr. Srour asserted that the House would not allow any violations of its regulations and promised to scratch such references from the records.

Ms. Faisal on earlier occasions antagonised most of her colleagues for "insuling the House." After a confrontation with Deputy Jamal Khreisha last year, she said: "The House has no manners and I will teach it such manners" in addition to other offensive comments.

Some lawmakers contrasted Ms. Faisal's speech to the "balanced" manner in which the Islamic Action Front parliamentary bloc expressed its opposition to the government.

In a speech delivered on their behalf by Deputy Abdullah Akaileh (Tatileh), the IAF deputies criticised the government for entering peace with Israel and said they would continue to fight

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Pelletreau reaffirms U.S pledge

AMMAN (Agencies) — U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East Robert Pelletreau on Sunday reiterated that his country would support Jordan economically and politically.

The American official was speaking at a meeting with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, with whom he discussed the Amman economic summit to be held in October and the progress of the multilateral phase of the Middle East peace process.

Discussion also covered issues of mutual concern and international questions and the image of Islam in the West, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said. Prince Hassan emphasised

the need to prevent all attempts to distort the image of Islam in the light of the current events in some countries. He said that Islam should be understood in its right perspective in the West-ern world.

Mr. Pelletreau, who was received in audience Saturday by His Majesty King Hussein and visited a number of organisations, left Amman Sunday at the end of a two-

day visit to the Kingdom Mr. Pelletreau also met Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti to discuss regional and international issues of mutual concern.

Mr. Pelletreau said Saturday the U.S. administration "will do its utmost and in coordination with Congress in its new composition to provide economic assistance to Jordan."

Congress approved last year reducing a first install-ment of \$220 million of a total of \$702 million of official debt Washington agreed to write off over three years. The U.S. official said Washington would work to find the best means to help improve Amman's chronic balance of payments deficit and encourage American investment in the country.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Sunday shakes hands with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near East affairs

Richard Pelletreau. At left is Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti (Petra photo)

Yemen, S. Arabia try to break deadlock in Grozny

RIYADH (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia and Yemen held more talks here Sunday to try to settle their border dispute, a Yemeni official sign of progress despite a week of negotiations.

Saudi Arabia's defence minister, Prince Sultan Ben Abdul Aziz, and Yemen's speaker of parliament. Sheikh Abdullah Al Ahmar. led the negotiating teams at a "working session" on Sunday morning, the delegate said.

They were meeting again in the evening.

Presidents Hafez Al Assad of Syria and Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, whose governments mediated a Jan. 15 accord to prevent military escalation after an armed clash, con-

tacted the two sides at the weekend. Riyadh denied Saturday that it had massed troops along the border in the last week after Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh charged that it had done so before withdrawing them to 15

kilometres from the frontier. The two countries are in dispute over the provinces of Najran, Jizan, and Assir close to the border and assigned to Saudi Arabia under a treaty signed in 1934.

Yemen argues the Taif accord expired in September 1992 but has said it is willing to renegotiate the treaty. A Yemeni official in Sanaa said Saturday that the two sides had advanced proposals in Riyadh that were "irrecon-

"The Yemeni working group is demanding that the Taif accord is taken as a whole, and insists on normalisation between the two countries prior to a settlement of the border dispute, the Yemeni official said.

"However, the Saudis are demanding the renewal of the Taif accord, the demarcation of the unmarked border from Jabel Al Thar to the Oman-Yemen border, as well as the demarcation of the maritime borders, before any norma-

"By massing their troops along the border, Saudi brothers ... want to put pressure on Yemen," the official added, condemning the show of force by hardliners in the Saudi leadership which have expansionist aims.' A Saudi official quoted by

the Saudi Press Agency denied the charge. He said Riyadh "remains

attached in the terms of the mediation accord concluded between the two countries on Jan. 15 following a previous armed incident on their border and calls on Yemen to show the same commit-

Both countries then agreed to avoid a military escalation on the border following Syrian and Egyptian mediation aimed at defusing tension caused by a Jan. 10 border clash which diplomat's said left 40 Yemenis and 14 Saudis

No letup bombing

GROZNY (Agencies) — Street battles between Russian troops and Chechen rebels continued in downtown Grozny amid heavy Russian shelling Sunday as a European mission arrived in the devastated city to look into allegations of excessive brutality in the Chechen war. Black columns of smoke

rose over the Chechen capital as artillery shells and mines slammed into its neighbourhoods. Explosions could be heard from the distance of several dozen kilometres. "There have not been ma-

jor changes for the past night. Fighting still goes on. The front line passes along Sunzha River," running across Grozny, said Isa Musostov. 40, whose small unit of Chechen fighters was stationed on the outskirts of the

There is a very heavy shelling. They are using large mortars to fire from the industrial district," he said. adding that the Russian army was mostly targeting residential areas.

Chechen separatists launched pre-dawn attacks on Russian troops holding the military airfield of Khankala on the eastern outskirts of Grozny and on the Russian forces holding a bridge across Sunzha in city centre. Chechen Information Minister Moviadi Udugov told the Interfax news agency.

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Israel extends closure, urges PLO 'iron fist'

closure of the West Bank and Gaza for another week and urged the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to use an iron fist against opponents of the autonomy accord in exchange for a long-delayed Israeli troop pullout

from occupied territories. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was quoted by ministers as saying at the weekly cabinet meeting that the peace process with the PLO was at a crossroads and that terrorism has become a strategic danger.'

A cabinet communique said he had empowered the treasury and police ministers to set up teams to examine "ways and means to achieve a separation" between Israelis and Palestinians.

Agriculture Minister Yaakov Tsur said the separation plan could ultimately

Israel on Sunday extended its an independent Palestinian

"In the long term, it will mean setting borders, removing settlements, and indeed, the formation of an independent Palestinian entity. Asked if he meant a Palestinian state, Mr. Tsur

said: "Personally, I don't see this as the most dangerous thing." As the cabinet met, police announced a first step towards an envisaged separation — the deployment this

week of guard dogs along the frontier with the West Bank. Israel, still burying its dead from a suicide bombing that killed 21 Israelis a week ago, has been reluctant to endorse the use of police dogs, wary of comparisons with the Nazis' use of the animals to

guard Jews in concentration

tens of thousands of Palestinian workers away from their--jobs in Israel "will continue, . at this stage, for another

"Lifting the closure over workers from Gaza will be examined according to the extent to which the PLO and the Palestinian National Authority abide by the commitments they made in the (peace) agreements signed with them," the statement

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who negotiates peace with the PLO, told reporters after the cabinet session that Mr. Rabin was, determined to make progress in the talks on expanding

But Mr. Sarid said Israel first had to submit a "package deal" to the PNA.

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The cabinet communique James Grant, pioneering head of UNICEF, passes away at 72

Grant, the crusading director of the United Nations Chil-.drens' Fund (UNICEF) who won international acclaim for his efforts to improve children's health around the world, died Saturday, two days after resigning for health reasons. He was 72. The cause of death was

cancer, according to a state-ment from UNICEF's Middle East and North Africa Regional Office in Amman said. "Despite his illness, he continued to lead UNICEF with characteristic energy and had met over the last year with more than 40 world leaders to seek their active

support for the cause of chil-

dren," the statement said. United Nations Secretary General Boutros Ghali last week announced the resignation of Mr. Grant as executive director of UNICEF for health reasons and had asked Grant's deputy Mr. Richard' Jolly to continue as acting executive director.

In a statement following Mr. Grant's death, Dr. Ghali said: "Very few men or women ever have the oppor-



James P. Grant

tunity to do as much good in the world as James Grant; and very few have ever grasped that opportunity with such complete and dedicated commitment. He will be remembered as a most distinguished servant of the United Nations and as one of the greatest international public

servants of his generation."
As UNICEF head, Grant emphasised simple, low-cost methods of improving pediatric health, such as immunisation and oral rehydration.

Since 1980, when he took over as head of UNICEF, the percentage of children receiving immunisations in the developing world has risen from 20 per cent to 80 per cent. Grant travelled the world, meeting with more than 100 government leaders. He always carried a packet of oral rehydration salts in his pocket, as well as a note on the number of children killed by preventable diseases.

The salts are used to treat children suffering from diarritoca, a leading child killer in developing countries.

In Washington, U.S. President Bill Clinton said: Throughout his long career Jim Grant was a visionary leader — one of the most distinguished international public servants of our time."

Under Grant's 15 years of leadership UNICEF has. earned a reputation as one of the most effective and

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esteemed U.N. agencies. In 1994 Grant received the Presidential Medal of Freedom — the highest honour awarded by the president of



Death in custody raises furor over PNA police torture

By Said Ghazali

The Associated Press JERICHO -- Mourners wept at the funeral of a Palestinian man who died in police custody and cursed the men re-

One grieving woman shouted, "they are the dogs in the desert."

She was referring to the community's police force, fellow Palestinians who are accused of torture and widespread intimidation in this autonomy outpost.

Suleiman Jalayta, a 48year-old father of six, was arrested in the middle of the night Sunday on suspicion of being an Israeli informant. Wednesday, he was

dead. His corpse, shown to reporters, carried signs of shits by a sharp instrument on his wrists, forehead and the back of his neck.

"I saw signs on his wrists from a tightened rope and a bruise on the brow. I asked an interrogator about the bruise and he said that he knocked his head against the wall." said Hanan Ashrawi. the former Palestinian spokeswoman who is now a human rights monitor.

After a meeting with Jibril Rajoub, head of the Palestinian undercover units in Jericho, she said it was too early to draw conclusions.

There are widespread complaints both in Jericho and the Gaza Strip of security services swelling beyond control since the police arrived

Terje Larson, top U.N.

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Roma-

nian workers have replaced

Palestinians as cheap, ex-

ploited labour in Israel and

often get worse treatment

from their employers, human

Romanians make up 60 per

cent of the 70,000 foreign

workers in Israel, and their

numbers are growing all the

time as the Jewish state repe-

atedly seals off the West

The indefinite closure of

the territories after last

week's suicide bombing near

the Israeli coastal resort of

Palestinians from getting to

"Romanians are more

vulnerable than Palestinians,

because they are dependent

not only on their bosses but

also on the people who bring

them here," said Yael Gilboa

of the Israeli Human Rights

"Labour legislation does

security, sickness benefit or

their jobs.

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rights groups say.

Romanians replace

Palestinians as cheap labour

authority, noted this week them something to do in the that police ranks had reached quiet agriculture town, some 15,000, well above the 9,000 that the organisation said it would bankroll through donor aid.

Palestinians complain bitterly about their treatment under Israeli occupation since 1967, and are dismayed to see their own police using

similar tactics. Mr. Rajoub defended recent nighttime arrests, saying the men were suspected of involvement in the death of a Hamas activist, arson, ston-ing joint Israeli-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) police patrols and printing anti-PLO leaflets.

"We are not practising the same thing the Israelis used to do against our people," Mr. Rajoub said, deaying that anyone had been tor-

Many Palestinians fear the deaths and general lack of legal control over police activity mean the Palestinians' self-rule areas are sliding into the kind of security state common throughout the Arab World.

"It is anarchy in Gaza and Jericho. There are no laws on detention or trial," said Ghazi Jeyab, a Palestinian activist once jailed for years by Israel. "We have no security at all, only various conflicting security apparatuses."

Jericho, with a population of 15,000 has more than 1,000 police in various branches. Under the terms of the Israel-PLO agreement, pris-oners from the West Bank were to serve out their sent-

ences in Jericho. To give

redundancy pay," she added.
Alarmed by the drastic

plight of its citizens, the

Romanian foreign ministry

has lodged an official com-

plaint with Israeli authorities.

dressed Romanian stone-

masons, aged between 40 and

50, share an old hut on waste-

land on Tel Aviv's sea front.

A group of shabbily-

quiet agriculture town, some were inducted into the security services.

They include Palestinian activists convicted of killing informants during the uprising against the Israeli occupation that started in 1987.

The charge of informing for Israel was levelled frequently during the occupation, with more than 800 Palestinians slain by fellow Palestinians. While Israel did maintain an extensive web of informants, the killings were often a means of settling clan or personal rivalries. Jericho is succumbing to a

Among those arrested along with the apparent for-ture victim was Rashid Al-Fityani, 23. His younger brother Adib, 15, said a dozen men burst into the house and dragged him away. He was reportedly taken to a Jerusalem hospital in serious condition, but no relatives have been able to find him and the security services said they do not know his where-

Few want to give their names when discussing police activities for fear it will bring the police to their doors. One middle-aged man who said he was beaten by secur-

ity police glanced around the street, watching the blue-uniformed police and the undercover units with pistols tucked into the back of their

"I am very scared. Gangsters are around. They can kill and cover their crimes," the frightened man whispered.

Majlis amends law on banning

TEHRAN (AFP) — The Iranian parliament on Sunday amended a law banning satel-lites to clarify how the operation against the dishes would be funded, parliamentary sources, said.

They regularly gather at a local bar, drink beer and gaze at the television. Devise, a former prostitute from Haifa, complaints that the Romanians "have no money and only think about getting their next drink."

Ion, 40, married and a father of two, arrived here seven months ago. He works on a building site in the Tel Aviv suburb of Petah Tikva and shares three rooms with two fellow Romanians. He proudly shows off his

passport, which has not been confiscated, unlike those of gling would be funded. many of his compatriots in Israel. He does not want to speak ill of his homeland or the Jewish state.

> The money would be deposited in the public treasury and then transferred to the interior and culture ministries as well as state television to be spent on the fight against

Western culture. The ban gives satellite users one month to take down their dishes and related eminment or face legal action. Anyone found owning or importing satellite dishes could face a heavy fine besides having the equipment



officers shake hands with Israeli army officers under the Oct. 26 peace treaty (see story or across the fence in the Baqoura area in the page 12) (photo by Yousel 'Allan) north on Sunday during a media trip to the

Thieves strip Egypt of heritage

CAIRO (AFP) - The centuries-old illegal trade in stolen archaeological treasures in Egypt has become more profitable than arms or drug smuggling and is drain-ing the country's heritage,

experts say.
More than 3,000 antiques disappeared in 16 thefts last year, often with the collusion of caretakers, said antiquities official Abdul Halim Noured-

"This trade is more profitable than drugs or arms trafficking because the stolen objects are priceless," said Mr. Noureddin, chairman of the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation.

"Meanwhile, the budget available to improve the pro-tection of ancient artefacts is shrinking," he complained. The favourite targets of

thieves from both Egypt and abroad are small artefacts no bigger than 40 centimetres in height — such as gold scarabs or Pharaonic amulets in turquoise - which are easy to export.

¹To get them abroad, they cover them in very fine material to fool customs officers into thinking they are repro-ductions," Mr. Noureddin

He said Cairo was negotiating with two countries for the return of artefacts stolen

in two separate thefts, orga-nised by Egyptians and fore-

An antiquities inspector, who asked not to be named, said thieves send their customers a picture catalogue of stolen items so they can choose which ones they want. Most thefts take place in storehouses belonging to the antiquities office and often

"It is very easy to buy off badly-paid caretakers or the foremen of quarties in the desert where workers often find archaeological artefacts," the inspector said.

while caretakers turn a blind

He cited the case of a storehouse in Nazlet Al Samman, near the Cairo pyramids, which was stripped two years ago after caretakers were invited to a banquet by local inhabitants.

"Some labourers who take part in digs also sneak off with artefacts," he said. The inspector also pointed the finger at inhabitants of Al

Qurna in the Valley of the Kings, a Pharaonic gravevard rich in treasures near the southern Egyptian town of Luxor. "Many treasurers are

buried underground and they dig underneath their houses without telling us what they find," the inspector said. The inhabitants have resisted several attempts to make them leave the village. Mr. Noureddin said he

would like to see safer storehouses and the appointment of experienced, trained guards for better pay to combat thefts.

"In coming weeks we are planning to hire 450 qualified caretakers with training in handling weapons," he said, adding that lights would be installed at all archaeological sites and stores.

Theft of antiquities should be considered "high treason," he said, and sentences increased from the current maximum of three years.

However the extra security measures could be delayed through cash shortages. The antiquities department, like the rest of Egypt's tourism industry, has been hard hit by three years of Islamic militant violence which has specifically targetted Western tourists

in the past.
The theft of Pharaonic treasures is a problem as old as the artefacts themselves. Thieves began to ransack richly-laden tombs around 3,000 years ago.

"That is why 80 per cent of Pharaonic caves we discover are empty," said tourist guide Medhat Nafie.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Syria, Turkey discuss border security

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Turkish security chief Mehmet Agar arrived here Sunday for talks with Syrian officials on ways to step up security along the two countries' border, Turkish diplomats said. Mr. Agar and General Bader Hassan, security chief for the Syrian Interior Ministry, would focus mainly on the problem of smuggling between the two countries and on cooperation in the fight against drugs, they added. Delegations from the two countries meet twice a year to exchange information about security along their 1,000-kilometre border.

Abu Dhabi may import water from Pakistan

ABU DHABI (R) — The Emirate of Abu Dhabi is looking at a plan to import fresh water from the mountains of Pakistan, a semor Pakistani official said on Sunday. "We left them (the Abu Dhabi authorities) a copy of the feasibility study," said Shahid Hasan Khan, special economic assistant to Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. He was speaking at a news conference in Abu Dhabi, one of seven members of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The plan entails building a dam at Hingol, which is 233 kilometres northwest of Karachi but near the sea. Studies started in 1988 with the knowledge of the Abu Dhabi government, Mr. Khan said. The dam would have a big enough reservoir to provide around 100 million gallons a day of water for export after meeting the needs of local farmers and sending some supplies to Karachi.

Quake in east Turkey causes damage

ANKARA (R) — A moderate earthquake shook eastern Turkey on Sunday damaging seven villages and killing farm animals as barns collapsed, Anatolia news agency said. The quake, measuring 5.0 on the Richter Scale, destroyed two houses in the village of Kukurtlu in Erzurum province and damaged buildings in six other nearby villages, it said. Livestock and poultry were killed when flimsy barns collapsed in some of the villages but there were no human casualties, gendarmerie police told Anatolia. The tremor occurred at 6.17 a.m. (0417 GMT). Earthquakes of between 4 and 5 on the Richter Scale are powerful enough to cause heavy damage in a populated area.

Swiss police bar Kurdish demonstrators

DAVOS (R) — Police stopped about 200 Kurds from reaching the Swiss ski resort of Davos on Saturday to demonstrate against the presence in the town of Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller. The Kurds, travelling in cars from all over Switzerland, were turned back at Klosters, eight kilometres from Davos, where Ms. Ciller is attending the annual World Economic Forum. Police said the Kurds, whose cars bore banners saying "Ciller go home" and "don't finance the dirty war against the Kurdish people," were told a small delegation could drive on to Davos, but they rejected the offer.

Libya, Sudan to boost relations

KHARTOUM (AFP) - Sudan's Vice President General Zubair Mohammad Saleh held talks here Saturday with Libya's armed forces chief Colonel Abu Bakr Yunes Jaber on ways to boost bilateral relations. Sudanese state radio reported that the meeting touched on Khartoum's desire to improve relations with neighbouring countries. Sudan is locked in a dispute with Egypt over the Halaib border region. Meanwhile Eritrea broke off relations with Khartourn last December alleging Sudanese "subversive action" on its territory. Sudan and Libya in 1990 signed a cooperation agreement in the economic, political and

Adonis barred from Arab Writers Union

DAMASCUS (AFP) — Leading Arab author Adonis has been barred from the Arab Writers Union because of his support for normalisation with Israel, the official Syrian agency SANA reported. The union took the decision at its annual congress Friday in Damascus, the agency said. The meeting "raised the issue of normalisation with the Zionist" enemy, rejected unanimously by the participants who decided to exclude the writer Adonis from the union because of his position favouring normalisation with Israel." Ali Ahmad Said, whose nom de plume is Adonis, is a Lebanese of Syrian origin who now lives in Paris. The 64-year-old author has played a key role in the develop-ment of modern Arab poetry and has written around 30 compilations of poems and essays as well as translating into Arabic the works of Saint John Perse. The Arab Writers Union president, Ali Akia Arsan, urged the association to "form a front of Arab writers and intellectuals to oppose cultural normalisation with the Zionist enemy," SANA

Egyptian woman arrested for marrying 4 men

CAIRO (AFP) — A young Egyptian woman arrested for having four husbands pleaded that she could not resist virile men, the Egyptian press reported Saturday, Leila, 30. was accused by her first husband, 80-year-old Mohammad Morsi, of abandoning him to marry another man. The police then discovered that she was married to three more men, each having no idea about the others' existence. Leila was arrested when she went into a police station in Cairo to claim a food pension from her first husband, newspapers reported. She explained that she abandoned her successive husbands "when they could no longer fulfill their marital obligations, and because she could not resist virile men," they said. Leila rejected adultery charges, saying "I marry the man I find appropriate, instead of sinning." Morsi said the man I find appropriate, instead of sinning." he was willing to forgive her because "she is an honest woman. Leila could face a 25-year prison sentence.

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not apply to these people who do not have even the most basic rights, like social

On behalf of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) staff at the Amman-based Middle East and North Africa regional and area offices, the UNICEF Amman Staff Association (UASA) mourns the death of their Executive Director and Under Secretary General:

CONDOLENCES

Dr. James P. Grant

who passed away in New York on Saturday January 28, at the age of 72. Mr. Grant is remembered for his dedication to the cause of children and his untiring efforts, even during his serious illness, to further his dream of creating a better world for children.

May God rest his soul in peace.

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The move came after a upervisory council sent back the law, approved on Jan. 1. arguing parts of the ban were unconstitutional for making the government incur un-

The Council of Guardians. which sees to ensure laws conform to Islamic principles and the constitution, asked parliament to clarify how the operation to remove hundreds of thousands of dishes in Iran and the fight against satellite equipment smug-

Parliament added an article to the law on Sunday, saying the cost of the operation would be financed through the fines imposed on violators.

Hundreds of thousands of

satellite dishes have sprung up on roof tops in Tehran and other major cities allowing many Iranians to watch foreign television programmes

Food shortages, sharp prices in Iraq personal belongings to buy government last week to

NICOSIA (AP) -- Shortages of food and medicine in Iraq coupled with sharp price hikes are likely to increase deaths and malnutrition among children, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported Saturday.

Iraq has been under trade sanctions imposed by the United Nations since its troops invaded Kuwait in August 1990. Iraq rejected a U.N. offer allowing it to sell a limited quantity of oil to buy food and medicine, claiming that U.N. terms were an infringement on Baghdad's

sovereignty. INA, monitored in Cyprus, quoted a study prepared by death among children."

per cent of the needed quantity of milk for babies under one year old.

government researchers as saying the state-distributed food rations provided only 736 calories out of 2,306 calories needed, "which increases the rate of malnutrition, chronic disease and It said the government managed to provide only 60

The researchers said prices of food in the black market have increased dramatically and many families had to sell

essential foodstuffs. Iraqis contacted by teleshone said that since the U.N. Security Council renewed the sanctions earlier this month, prices had risen sharply.

They said the national currency, the dinar, fell to a record low of 750 per dollar on the black market while the Iragi Central Bank's rate sank to 600 to the dollar. from an earlier rate of 550. Before the sanctions, the official rate was \$3 per dinar. Some typical price hikes

since the beginning of the - A tray of 30 eggs jumped from 1,350 dinars (\$1.80 at the black-market rate) to 1,700 (\$2.25). Sugar from 400 dinars

(\$0.55) per kilo to 550 **(\$0.75)**. - Meat from 700 dinars (\$0.95) per kilo to 920 (\$1.20).

— Cooking oil from 750 dinars (\$1) per kilo to 970 (\$1.30). A typical monthly salary for a middle-ranking govern-

issue a new 250-dinar banknote, to be added to the 50and 100-dinar notes issued following the Gulf crisis. Commenting on the price

increases, the Babil daily newspaper, run by President Saddam Hussein's eldest son Udai, on Thursday warned merchants, money dealers and profiteers to "come to and profiteers to their senses before the Iraqi people and the leadership lose their patience." It accused unnamed merchants of sabotaging the eco-

death sentence, and said the government has the courage to use the means in its possession when the need arises." An Iraqi businessman in exile, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Babil was indirectly reminding the mer-

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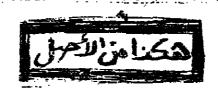
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Text of Jordan-PNA general agreement on education, culture and information

AMMAN (J.T.) — Following is a translation of the Jordanian-Palestinian agreeir int on education and higher education

In implementation of the General Agreement between Jordan and the Palestine National Authority (PNA) concluded in Amman on Jan. 26, 1995 the two sides agree to the following:

Article one: The two sides will act towards promoting cooperation between them in education matters and the exchange of information and expertise. Article two:

A) Jordanian curricula and syllabuses will continue to be adopted in the West Bank for as long as the PNA requires without any change or B) The PNA has the right

to publish additional publications to be added to the syllabuses aimed at highlighting the Palestinian identity; C) The PNA will enlist Jor-

ing curricula and school text books. Article three: The two sides will ex-

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change views and expertise in matters related to educational techniques and school

al training.

Article four:

The Jordanian side will allow Palestinian educationists access to Jordanian experiences in educational matters and to participate in seminars and training courses as well as educational conferences held in the Kingdom.

Article five: A) The Jordanian Ministry of Education will recognise the Palestinian general schools certificate.

B) The ministry of Higher Education in Jordan will recognise the comprehensive diploma obtained from Palestinian community colleges to be rated equally with diplomas issued by Jordanian

community colleges.

C) School certificates at the various stages will be certified in accordance with the equivalence of certificate system adopted in Jordan. Such certificates will be valid if students seek to transfer to other schools and for acceptance.

Article six: The Jordanian side will facilitate the acceptance of Palestinian students in Jordanian state universities and community colleges especially in specialisations which do not exist in Palestinian universities. Acceptance will fol-

included very important

points, mainly its commit-

low the same system adopted by the Council of Higher Education in Jordan. The Palestinian side will nominate the students for the specialisations to be taken in Jordan.

Article seven: The two sides will exchange expertise legislations, research and publications and booklets issued by either side.

Article eight: The two sides will form a joint committee of representatives from concerned ministers to follow up on the implementation of this agreement and deal with new developments.

The agreement was signed in Amman on Jan. 26 by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh and PNA Minister of Education and Higher Education Yasser

Culture and information Following is a translation of the Jordanian-Palestinian agreement on culture and information:

In implementation of the General Agreement on cooperation and coordination between Jordan and the Palestine National Authority (PNA) signed in Amman on

ences to the economic situa-

Jan. 26, 1995, the two sides agree to the following: Article One:

The two sides will promote coordination and cooperation in information and culture and will set up a joint committee grouping concerned ministers to achieve that goal. The joint committee will supervise the implementation of decisions taken by the two sides in culture and information in a manner that would best serve the higher national interests of the two peoples and achieve their noble objectives.

The two sides will encourage joint cultural and informational activities and will

exchange visits by intellectuals and folkore troupes and exchange art exhibitions. They will exchange publications by either side towards promoting Jordanian-Palestinian culture.

Article three:

The two sides agreed to exchange radio and television materials and news, hold seminars and programmes on culture and information.

The Jordanian side will

take measures to back the long struggle of the Palestinian people to achieve their goal. Jordan will continue to extend assistance to Palestinian cultural and information institutions and help them build their infrastructure for radio and television services.

Article five:

The two sides pledge to facilitate the flow of publications and cultural and informational materials needed by either side to be used in exhibitions and other cultural

Article six:

The Jordanian and Palestinian sides will coordinate their work and cooperate in Arab and international conferences.

Article seven:

Palestinian and Jordanian technical committees will strive to translate these articles into detailed programmes covering all issues of information and culture.

The agreement was signed in Amman on Jan. 26. 1995 by Jordanian Minister of Culture Samir Habashneh and PNA Minister of Culture Yasser Abed Rabbo.

WHAT'S **GOING** ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

TEERD JORDANIAN DRAMA FESTIVAL

Play (in Arabic) entitled "Ya Sam'een" (Ye Who Are Hearing) at the Royal Cultural Centre at 5:00

FILMS

Film (in French) entitled "Vivement Dimanche" at the French Cultural Centre at 8:00

> p.m. Film entitled "Leonardo Da Vinci: The Visionary Intellect' (with commen tary in Arabic by Dr. Khalid Khreis) at Darat Al Funun at 5:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

Photographic exhibition entitled "To Be or Not to Be — Industry Destroys Nature" at the Royal Cultural

Exhibition of abstract art by Mohammad Labadi at Alia Art Gal-

Exhibition of works by Iraqi artist Fakhir Muhammad at the Ab'ad Art Gallery.

Exhibition of the works of Lebanese artist Amin Al Basha at Darat Al Funun. Also showing another exhibition entitled "Phase II-Doors and Windows'' by Jordanian artist Ghada Dahdaleh and works by contemporary Arab

Exhibition of works by Spanish artist Covadonga Sarragua at Instituto Cervantes (the Spanish Cultural Centre).

Educational works de picting the life of "Voltaire" at the French Cultural Centre.

Exhibition of works by Hala Mahayni at the Petra International Hotel in Agaba.

Exhibition of abstract art by Zakaria Barakat at the Housing Bank Gallery.

Excerpts from speeches of Lower House deputies on government's policy statement AMMAN (J.T.) — Follow- homeland and its citizens.... ing are excerpts from speeches made by some de-puties while debating the policy statement of the government of Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker.

Saleh Sha'watah (Irbid)

From the first word in the overnment statement to the last line in it, and with a keen eye, I found that his excellency the prime minister had comprehensively defined the problems and crises of the Kingdom. He pledged and promised in this statement that the government would solve and tackle these problems. No doubt, the solutions to these national and pan-Arab problems and crises first of all require that they be diagnosed... I believe that the policy statement has diagnosed the illnesses in the best way possible. The statement has defined the most important and dangerous of these problems and crises as follows: the absence of social justice; the absence of equality among citizens: the fragility of performance in enhancing democracy; and the need of the country for drastic reform at all levels. It was well-done to refer to these problems in the beginning of the statement. The statement also excelled in (announcing the government's) commitment to the state of law and institutions and adherence to

the Constitution in word and spirit and in the National Charter as an intellectual reference. It was also well-done when the government (declared) adherence to democracy on the basis of political pluralism and respect of intellectual, public and personal freedoms. One of the shining points in the statements, in my view, is that the government said that it will revise the parliamentary elections law, the public gatherings law and the criminal law with the aim of modernising them... it is no more acceptable that, as

we live a democratic life, to have arrests, closures of shops and house arrests as if martial law was still active. It is also commendable that the government expressed desire to keep the channels of dialogue with all parties and associations open to enhance pluralism and respect for opposing views ... I wish that the government mentioned that it is an important part of national sovereignty to have our educational curricula compatible with our glorious Arab and Islamic history and that they (the curricula) conform to our aspirations for Arab unity and the liberation of all our usurped lands in Palestine and other parts (of the Arab World)...(Regarding soaring prices and the

rising cost of living), there is a category working on ruining this country, ignoring everything but its personal interests. I wish it stopped at doubling prices four or fivefold. It became a fact that this category is trading with the blood and health of citizens and that it is amassing millions out of this trade. This category needs a firm law that can stop it and prevent it

from these aggressions on the

In conclusion, we wish that the government had mentioned in its statement an affirmation of what we know the prime minister for, of his lasting keenness to protect national unity. Everybody knows that the Constitution and laws state that all citizens are equal in duties and rights. We hope that the theme of national unity would be implemented and that all citizens will feel that they are really equal in rights and

Ahmad Qudah (Ajloun) Confidence can be given to or withheld from a govern-ment on two bases: First its statement that outlines its programmes and policies and second, its ability to carry out these programmes and policies. First, the statement was comprehensive and I will not discuss it in my address. Second. I doubt that the govemment is able to achieve policies mentioned in its statements unless some conditions are met. First efficiency and trust: second: justice between people; and third; human dignity.

Hashem Dabbas

(Balga) (After signing the peace treaty which restored Jordan's full rights to its land and water), I am certain that the government of Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker will follow the same line (of the government of Abdul Salam Majali) in giving due concern to the pressing needs of citizens which cannot be delayed. The battle of peace is more difficult than military battles because the requirements of peace are more complicated and demand the mobilisation of energies and investment of all capabilities available in our beloved country... The government's statement dealt with several issues including eradicating favoritism and nepotism and developing the performance of government departments and supporting the Armed Forces... Restoring bridges of contact between Arab countries and mending fences, as is always requested by (His Majesty) King Hussein, is an important demand that the government should work on... In conclusion, based on the participation of five members of the National Action Front in the government of Sharif Zeid, and based on the principles and policies contained in the statement, I wish Sharif Zeid's government suc-cess... and I declare that I decide to vote in favour of the government.

Salem Zawaideh

(Southern bedouins)

...At this stage, the country should focus on domestic issues. This is the stage of reorganising the Jordanian home to guarantee improving the government's performance in order to build the economy and to achieve social justice between all geographic areas...in addition to

eradicating all forms of administrative deriliction and fighting unemployment which became a menace that all of us should work to fight... I call on the government, of whose proficiency and ability, I am fully confident to give the badia (desert) areas more attention in accordance with the state's abilities and capabilities in the fields of health, education and public works. I also ask the government to establish a university in Maan Governorate to serve the citizens of Maan and Agaba.

.Tawfiq Kreishan

(Maan) The stage of change referred to in the government's statement following the signing of the peace treaty and its effects on the various political, economic, cultural and social aspects require that the government not only be alert and careful, but also rely on sound bases and principles that would help it face any internal or external challer jes. Jordan, during its long history has, always been the first to underline the importance of Arab solidary and has always been calling for Arab unity...Activating Jordan's role at this stage requires serious work to mend fences and revive Arab solidarity...According to available statistics, there are 200 000 expatriate labourers working in various sectors in the country... This number contribute in one way or another to the problem of unemployment. It also prevents Jordanians from replacing the expatriate workers because of the low wages reached senior government those labourers earn. Thus I officials. Serious work should suggest that the government take place to tackle these set a minimum wage to endangerous phenomena in courage local workers to reorder to eliminate them place the expatriate work through some of the followforce... Of the problems that ing procedures: Placing conare facing us, especially in trols that would eliminate Maan Governorate, is that of nepotism and favouritism; the glass factory, the only offering incentives to encour-(factory) in the city of Maan age creativity and excellent and the only source of inwork; enhancing democracy come for more than 300 famiand the sense of belonginglies. Work on the project has

.and revising legislation that faltered since its establishhamper the process of admiment because of mismanagenistrative reform and dement... The former governvelopment. ment had set up a committee to study the problem of the factory. Therefore, I appeal to the current government to work on activating the role of this committee to resolve the problem facing workers at the factory... Another issue in Maan, is the Hijaz Railroad which forms an important vein in the national economy. Modernising this railroad and developing it would contribute to encouraging trade, tourism and domestic and external transport in addition to transporting pilgrims which will constitute an important source of income for the state treasury. Henceforth, I call on the government to pay due attention to the railroad and to conduct technical studies to mod-

Ali Shatti (Balga)

After hearing the statement of the government of Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker ... I find that it

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ment to do its utmost to fully cooperate with the legislative authority to enhance parliamentary life with all its dimensions...This commitment and this understanding are the optimal form for enhancing citizens interaction with their cultural experience, with freedom, human dignity and equality as its basis....I urge the government to base its arguments on reality and to prepare practical and frank work plans detached from generalisations and big words which are void of content and to distance itself from vague promises Resolving the problem of unemployment cannot be achieved but through preparation of an integrated strategy on the short and long term. The short term strategy should be to find new job opportunities, thus requiring more actual investments This also requires that the government open the way for the private sector to play its natural and creative role in the field of investments. The long-run strategy requires revising educational policies and linking the educational plans with the requirements of the development process...The administrative behaviour at various public institutions was characterised by many negative and serious phenomena which, if they continue, will have negative repercussions on the country. These phenomena are represented in favouritism, nepotism, factionalism and sectarianism which dominated the performance of several government personnel until this disease, unfortunately,

Fawzi Tu'aimeh

(Balga) The government's statement included principled stands that were practically adopted since Jordan started to implement its first economic reform programme. Adherence to these stands and principles has given the statement a traditional aspect and made it look repetitious. For objectivity, we say here that the shortcoming is not in repeating principled stands, but reaffirming them might have some positive aspects in that it might enhance certain concepts... Objectivity might also make us say that things should not stop at reaffirming stands that have become the basis for every decision, but should exceed that with a revision and evaluation of the march as a whole. Therefore, the absence of sound evaluation of all policies and proce-

dures have led to the state-

ment overlooking clear refer-

tion. The statement referred to the need to continue implementing the national economic reform programme firmly, but it should not have ignored that there is a plan for economic and social development prepared by the government, and that this plan was described by the government as flexible and easily matching developments. So is there an evaluation for this plan and are there any amendments to it to cater to the needs of the (present) stage? Or is it that the economic reform programme did not take this plan into consideration? if it were the case; why should we then prepare plans and why-don't we adhere to development programmes rather than economic plans? Therefore, we should know about several policies that should be adopted to face urgent issues as poverty, unemployment as well as internal and external economic imbalances. In addition, the statement confused between means and goals as it dealt with economic policies... The statement also did not explain foreign borrowing policies and briefly talked about the foreign debt in terms of reducing through partial or full write-offs. This is not a borrowing policy, but a measure to deal with existing debts. But does not mean that the debts will continue to grow as a result of borrowing...? It is no longer a reality that we can control commodity prices or boast of our

ability to stop inflation. ... The way to calculate the general price index is marked by inaccuracy because there is no reference to inflation. Furthermore, the distortions we see in the market are reflected in the sharp rise in the costs of vegetables and fruits, which originally does not benefit farmers, and also in the rising costs of car insurance, spare parts, coffee, dairy products and fodder.

Mahmoud Huweimil

(Karak)

After reading the govern-ment's statement, I found it comprehensive. In order to achieve its goals, it needs the cooperation of all. But I found it imperative to discuss several issues:

Poverty and unemployment: We talked a lot about these two problems. Nevertheless, they are being aggravating day by day... there is nothing more dangerous than poverty and joblessness, and I propose the following to resolve the two problems: A) Having a comprehen-

sive survey of the Jordanian society to define the size of the problems; B) Postponing many of the projects listed in the budget and reallocating funds to the National Aid Fund (NAF). It is irrational, Mr. Speaker, that the government offers telephone services to citizens

who cannot pay the bills. The

outcome will be terminating

the service. Shouldn't the

government help citizens by

providing them with means of C) Replacing the foreign labour force with Jordanian

workers. To achieve that, the new labour law should be approved quickly. D) Unifying the efforts of

institutions working in this field to avoid duplication of assistance to the needy. E) Encouraging cooperation among citizens... Regarding administrative

reform, I agree with the policy statement and I hope that it will be translated into reality. I also propose supporting the Civil Service Commission to enable it to have capable administration and technical cadres..

We highly evaluate efforts exerted to develop the educational process and commend measures-taken to improve the living conditions of teachers. But Mr. Speaker, I believe that there should be a comprehensive study of the needs of the Jordanian market to link education to these needs. I would like also to ask the government what the use of having community colleges unless we want to increase the numbers of unemployed... isn't it more appropriate to convert colleges into ones specialised in

training teachers? Abdul Hadi Majali

The government has said in

(Karak)

its policy statement that Jordan was entering a new phase of democracy building and will deal with this stage with a clear vision. I add that the coming stage hinges on the past one which saw Jordan concluding the peace treaty with Israel and so it will be a stage full of challenges. Indeed the coming stage is closely connected to the past one, and the country will have to face the requirements of the peace era and reap the benefits of peace, provided it is fully committed in letter and spirit to the peace that would bring about progress and security. Political pluralism which is a vital component in the democratic process is still at the initial stage in Jordan, and the government is called on to help ensure the success of pluralism enabling it to overcome the numerous obstacles crossing its way. The government's promise that it would hold a dialogue with the political parties is a welcome development, and we expect the coming stage to witness a real role on the part of the parties in enhancing the democratic process. We welcome the government's pledge to reconsider the elections law, taking into account geographic and demographic divisions and distributions; and we support the government's efforts towards widening the base of activities by trade unions and other political organisations. We believe that the media offers the best forum for such an endeavour. We call for the official media and the press to serve as a forum for reflecting the views of various political and social groups as we resent when the media presents dictates from above because such media does not respect the minds of people and will have adverse effects on the

public. We expect the gov-

ernment to pave the ground

for any steps to amend laws, such as the election law, or to introduce taxes or promote investments via seminars and discussions. We support the government moves towards enhancing stability and hope that the government will deal with the questions of poverty and unemployment through a national strategy that should be given priority. These two problems continue to threaten the Jordanian social fabric. The private sector should be assisted in playing major role in this respect, and therefore we call on the government to transform many of t ,, government-run agencies uno national companies to stimulate the national economy. We hope that the government would go ahead with plans to bolster Jordan's relations with other Arab states, and we stress the need for maintaining the strongest t: s with the Palestinians. We hope the government will reassert the principles and the areas where the Palestinians and the Jordanians can work together in political, social and economic fields. We also hope that the Palestinian entity being formed in occupied territories, will serve as one that complements rather than contradicts with the Jordanian identity. We hope that the two sides will have a balanced relationship without seeing one imposing its will on the other.

Mohammad Addoub Zaben (Central bedouins)

I confine my speech to three points: Unemployment, education and health. Unemployment is a time bomb, and we do not know when it will explode. Remember that the registered unemployed persons with the Civil Service Commission now stands at 108,761. They are university, community college and high school graduates. I believe that the increases in their numbers over the previous years can be attributed to the large increase in the number of community colleges which are turning out an unemployed army. The number of private community colleges and private universities is so great, and the number of graduates continue to increase as the problem of unemployment is aggravated. To deal with this issue there must be a halt in the number of these institutions, and unemployed graduates should be given the jobs of government employees who reach 60-year-old or have served 25 or more years in government offices. The civil service commission has been giving priority in appointment to teachers' posts to university graduates, disregarding those who hold community college diplomas. Many of the young people in the Badia region hold diplomas and they are deprived of employment. We take pride in the advances made in the Jordanian health sector. But I would like to remind the government that between Ma'an and Amman there is not a single hospital.

ern Badia District which lacks hospital services. (Continued on page 7)

This also applies to the East-

Kobe earthquake forces uneasy truce among Japan's parties

TOKYO (R) — The devasting Kobe earthquake has forced an uneasy truce on the Japanese parliament, giving Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama much-needed breathing space, commenta-tors and political insiders said Sunday.

The Jan. 17 earthquake struck on the same day that a splinter group from Mr. Murayama's Socialists was to formally break from the party, a move that could have led to snap polls.

The quake brought the internal disputes and political bickering to a sudden halt." political commentator Kenzo Uchida wrote in the Japan

The earthquake "has virtually killed the possibility of an early general election being held sometime between January and March," Mr. Uchida said.

The biggest test for Mr. Murayama now is how quickly he can adopt measures to reconstruct the city of 1.5 million people. As of Sunday, the death toll from the 7.2 magnitude earthquake stood at 5,092.

The latest estimate of reconstruction grew beyond seven trillion yen (\$70 billion), according to the Hyogo Prefectural Hall Sunday. Kobe is the capital of Hyogo Prefecture.

Mr. Murayama's spokesman Kozo Igarashi said on a television talk show Sunday that the government would adopt a package of emergency relief bills by Feb. 10.

Rangoon

prepares

on rebels

BANGKOK (AFP) - Bur-

mese troops appeared poised

Sunday to attack the final

stronghold of Karen separat-

ist guerrillas, prompting hun-

dreds of villagers to flee into

Thailand, Thai border police

Sporadic rifle fire has been

heard near the Kawmoora

Mountain camp of the Karen

National Union (KNU) since

midday Saturday (0500 GMT), an official with the

Thai Border Patrol Police in

Saiyok district told AFP by

Government troops were

reportedly preparing for a

fresh offensive after success-

fully storming the headquar-

ters of the KNU and Burma's

self-declared opposition

alliance at Manerplaw Fri-

That attack drove hun-

dreds of KNU fighters into

the northern jungle, but not

before they set Manerplaw

ablaze to destroy anything

that might be of value to

der Patrol Unit 337 across

from Manerplaw added that

the rebels had traded in their

uniforms, dressing as villa-

gers to blend in with other

They were believed to have

regrouped in the hills 150

kilometres to the north, he

Meanwhile, some 4,000

Karens - mostly women and

children - have fled Maner-

plaw, crossing the Moei Riv-

er into Thailand's Sop Moei

district where they were

being sheltered, a relief

after the fall of Manerplaw.

some 300 to 400 ethnic Karen

and Burmese villagers have

also fied Kawmoora to Thai-

land, 15 kilometres away,

They were being housed at

Kawmoora, a military

according to the Saiyok bor-

a school in Saiyok district on

the Thai border, he added.

camp 450 kilometres (270

miles) south of Manerplaw,

has been reportedly sur-

rounded by 2.000 Rangoon

soldiers since last week,

though fighting has been res-

tricted to isolated skirmishes.

There have been no reli-

able reports of casualties suf-

fered at Manerplaw, though

relief workers and Thai bor-

der unit sources said losses

appeared heavy on both

Press reports Sunday said

that the government has

handed Manerplaw over to a

newly-formed splinter group

called the Democratic Kayin

Buddhist Organisation

(DKBO), comprising former

KNU Buddhists, opposed to

Karen state was also offi-

cially renamed Kayin state.

the Christian leadership.

the reports said.

Fearing a full-scale assault

An official with Thai Bor-

government forces.

said.

worker said.

der official.

he said.

and relief workers said.

assault

On the programme, Mr. Igarashi was pitted against exhausted Kobe residents speaking from an evacuation centre

"We don't want to hear these tired phrases like 'we will consider this', or 'we will study this'. We need measures right now, minister, right now," one middle-aged owner of a small factory that made shoes in the hard-hit Kobe borough of Nagata told Mr. Igarashi. His factory, employing 30 workers,

was severely damaged.
The chorus of demands for food, temporary shelters, medical aid and money for reconstruction of homes, offices and factories has the newly formed opposition New Frontier Party into a dilemma.

The party cannot keep up its attack on the government when Mr. Murayama must first meet the demands from

Ichikawa threatened a boycott of parliament proceedings over Mr. Murayama's constitutional definition of the post-war military. But Mr. Ichikawa

backed down from his threat. 'We cannot afford to boycott the session," an aide quoted Mr. Ichikawa as telling a party caucus during a break Friday. "We, ourselves, could come under fire for delaying disaster re-

PRETORIA (R) - Presi-

dent Nelson Mandela

appointed a white police

general, George Fivaz, as South Africa's new police

"I have every confidence

that General Fivaz will lead

the transformation of the

police service." Mr. Mande-

la, flanked by police generals, including Gen. Fivaz,

told a news conference in

"I would like to appeal to

all members of the police

service to join together in

support of the new lead-

ership. What is needed is to

create a healthy labour en-

vironment," the president

Urging a swift end to

labour disputes in the post-

apartheid police, Mr. Mande-

la said negotiations should be

conducted in a positive spirit.

pected to assist this process.

never be allowed to com-

he said, referring to a clash

between striking police and

riot police in Soweto

township Friday in which a

striker was killed and four

Gen. Fivaz, at 49 the coun-

try's youngest police commis-sioner, told reporters the

transformation of the police

service had to be urgently

issues must be addressed with

extreme urgency and it is

TOKYO (R) — Former

allied prisoners of war joined

their enemies of half a cen-

tury ago Sunday to lay

wreaths at Japan's Tomb of

"It's a solemn business and

something I never thought I'd do," said Briton Arthur

Titherington, who was a pris-

oner of the Japanese army for

3-1/2 years in World War II,

mostly in a work camp in

"It was very traumatic. I

Two Britons, an Australian

regret to say I cried," he said.

and an American, all in-

terned in Japanese prison

camps during World War II,

carried poppy wreaths with

Japanese war veterans to the

memorial — a hexagonal roofed shrine overlooking

the imperial palace and deco-

rated with yellow, mauve and

The former PoWs seemed

to have good relations with

the Japanese veterans, and

said they had been frank ab-

out the brutality meted out to

allied prisoners during war.

there's been no trouble," said

Sid Tavender, who was

forced to work on the Burma-Siam "death" railway.

'They've admitted the crimes

were committed. This is what

Their fight now is with the

Japanese government, which

"We've met the enemy and

white chrysanthemums.

the Unknown Soldier.

"It is crucial that policing

addressed.

policemen were wounded.

promise the police service,

"Striking members are ex-

"Labour disputes must

Pretoria.

commissioner Sunday.

Until the earthquake, New

Frontier leader Toshiki Kaifu was bent on launching an assault against Mr. Murayama's unwieldy coalition of his Socialists, their cold war foes the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and small allies, the New Saki-

gake Party. Mr. Kaifu's goal was, to force Mr. Murayama to step down and make him call early general elections.

But after the earthquake, Mr. Kaifu himself has ordered a halt to a move by young New Frontier lawmakers to collect signatures de-manding Mr. Murayama's

"It's too early for that kind of extreme move," par-liamentary sources quoted Mr. Kaifu as telling

For nearly 18 months since the general election in July. 1993, political parties have been embroiled in bitter infighting and mass defections. During that time, Japan saw three new prime ministers

focus has shifted on just what governments are for, the welfare of the people, rather than political realignment, lawmakers said.

"Now is not a time for political struggles." LDP President and Foreign Minister Yohei Kono told a rally Saturday. "We must enact

important that the police ser-

of racism and discrimination

Outgoing Police Commis-sioner Johan Van Der Merwe

is due to hang up his hat in

March, along with several other top officers who are

retiring for medical reasons.

of Efficiency Services and

one of three police generals

on an interim advisory team

to Safety and Security Minis-

"Even though he is not

very senior, he is known to be

very progressive and is also

close to the minister." a

policing analyst told Reuters.

Fivaz would urgently need to

restore police morale and res-

tore its credibility among

black communities which

perceived the force of old as

apartheid's enforcement arm.

Prisons' Civil Rights Union

(POPCRU), whose members

were involved in Friday's

Soweto clash, has threatened

more strikes and protests to

force Mr. Mandela's ruling

African National Congress to

deliver on promises to root

has been reluctant to recog-

nise the darker events of its

war. Mr. Tetherington is rep-

resenting an organisation of

former PoWs pressing it for

compensation for the mai-

nutrition, forced labour.

beatings and minor forms of

Tokyo says the issue of

compensation was dealt with

finally under the 1951 San

Francisco Treaty, when Brit-

ish PoWs were awarded 76

pounds 50 pence (\$122 at

However, on the 50th

anniversary of the end of

World War II, and as Japan

tries to become accepted in a

bigger role in the world,

there is increasing pressure

on it to come to terms with its

On Monday, the group

plans to bring a case to the

Tokyo district court claiming

\$22,000 each. an amount

based on the sum the U.S.

government awarded

Japanese-Americans in 1988

as compensation for their in-

Apart from issues of princi-

ples. Japan is worried vield-

ing to the demands of some

groups could lead to an end-

less string of claims from

victims of brutality, most of

their budget," said Mr.

"I don't know the size of

ternment in camps.

whom were Asians.

past atrocities.

today's exchange rate).

torture they suffered.

out racism in the force.

Allied PoWs lay wreath at

Japanese war memorial

The hardline Police and

Political analysts said Gen.

sidered progressive.

Gen. Fivaz, formerly head

the past," he said.

in the police.

Mr. Murayama does not have to dissolve the 511member lower house for

general elections until 1997. Meanwhile 66 per cent of Japanese fear a big new earthquake in their own area, and a majority are critical of the government's response to the Kobe disaster, a poll conducted for the Asahi newspaper said Sunday.

According to a nationwide poll, 84 per cent of respondents said the damage from the Kobe quake on Jan. 17, was bigger than thought. The quake is reported to have killed more than 5,000 people, destroying nearly 100,000 buildings.

The newspaper contacted

2.000 people on Jan. 27 and 28, with 1,200 valid respondents. The poll showed 53 per cent of respondents were critical of the government response to the nation's worst disaster since World War II. Only 39 per cent approved the government's handling of

Asked about specific problems in the government's response, 41 per cent cited "inentitude" in rescue and relief operations.

Nearly a fifth of the respondents pointed to "poor leadership" by Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama.

While 21 per cent of those polled said they had begun preparing for big earthquakes since the Kobe disaster, 56 per cent said they had not begun any particular prepara-

Mandela appoints white as U.S. is to offer vice make a clean break with Gen. Fivaz said among arms to priority issues was the improvement of methods to combat soaring crime, enhancing community relations and the removal of all forms

United States is willing to supply weapons to Cambodia a reform programme, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State

y much in accord on both the level and nature of American assistance to the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces, said Mr. Talbott at the end of a two-day visit to the country.

Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Winston Lord said the Americans had noted reforms already undertaken by Cambodia's armed forces.

These included deep cuts

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil Sgt. Dasca said 14 apart-(AP) — A six-story apartment building collapsed ments in the building in the Saturday in a southern resort town, killing at least six peotrendy centre of Guaratuba were rented by vacationers from the nearby city of Curiple and leaving more than 20 Sgt. Dasca said 100 police We can hear the screams of many people, including a and fire officials were working on the rescue with the help of several hundred group of small children that was playing under the build-

after building collapses in Brazil

At least 6 dead and 20 trapped

rescue workers look through the

remains of a collapsed six-story apartment

building in the resort of Guaratuba 800km south of Rio De Janeiro near the city of

trapped in the rubble.

Associated Press.

bodies.

ing when it collapsed," police Sgt. Ver Dasca told the

He said crews, supported

by four helicopters and sever-

al cranes, had rescued seven

people so far and were re-

sponding to the shouts of

others. They recovered six

The building in Guaratuba, 500 miles (800 kms) south of

Rio De Janeiro, collapsed suddenly at 10:30 a.m

Sgt. Dasca said a construc-

tion crew was working in the

building at the time to rein-

force the structure after resi-

dents had reported several

cracks in the concrete base.

and ran out immediately," he

said. "The whole building

came down in 30 seconds."

The crew heard a boom

citizens, including friends and family of those under the The Parana state government is sending airplanes and helicopters to help transport the injured and Gov. Jaime

to offer the state's financial and technical support. Meanwhile, an explosion in a fireworks store killed at least 12 people, injured more than 25 and razed half a city block on the outskirts of Sao Paulo, South America's big-

Lerner has flown to the scene

gest city Saturday. The explosion, which occurred when three tons of fireworks were being unloaded from a van in front of the store, was so strong that it levelled a bank, a post office, a drug store and several small

Police said more bodies could be underneath the rub-

U.N. ambassador, Juan

Somavia, the originator of

bomb at the end of the cold

war has been replaced by the

reality of the social bomb" in

the Third World as well as

Like previous conferences

in New York on children in .

1990, the Rio conference on

the environment in 1992 and

the Cairo conference on

population in 1994, this sum-

mit is not expected to pro-

duce any immediate concrete

results, nor any binding re-

But, Copenhagen will

"The threat of the nuclear

the conference.

industrial states.

solutions.

ters he was alive because a few minutes before the explosion he had taken his grandson for a walk.

working on the building to reinforce the

structure at the time of the collapse a police

official said (AFP photo)

"I heard the explosion and rushed back. When I reached what was left of my house I heard someone mosning. helped pull out my son, my daughter and a granddaughter," he said. The daughter and granddaughter died later in a hospital.

The explosion destroyed dozens of cars in the commercial district and showered glass and concrete shards within 200 metres of the fireworks store, which also spe-cialised in Afro-Brazilian religious artifacts.

Several hundred rescuers and doctors from five hospitals rushed to help the survivors, many of them in critical condition. An eight-monthold baby died in the explo-Using cranes, bulldozers

and their bare hands, they sifted through the tons of wreckage and debris sear-ching for victims. Several survivors called for

greater restrictions on fireworks, commonly used on virtually any holiday in Bra-

table for the first time, it is

because it is an urgent politic-

al issue in all the states, rich

and poor, and because the

cold war is over, according to

most delegates to the prepa-

ited Nations intends to make

the international community

aware, on the occasion of the

world body's 50th

anniversary, that without de-

velopment, stability and an

enduring peace are not possi-

Nearly 100 heads of state

already have promised to

attend the session, among

them French President Fran-

cois Mitterrand, South Afri-

can President Nelson Mande-

la and Russian President

The list also includes Pakis-

tan's Prime Minister Benazir

Bhutto and Indian Prime

Minister Narasimha Rao.

ratory meeting.

Singer Rita Pavone eyes U.S. markets

BUDAPEST (AFP) - In lian singer and actress Rita Pavone aims to conquer the U.S. music market with double CD due out soon, she said in Budapest before attending a high-profile ball Saturday. Pavone, who live in Switzerland with music producer and Italian restaurant-owner Teddy Reno, was to go on from Hungary to Spain, where she said she is preparing another new album containing disco and techno songs. The starguest of Saturday's Budaper ball was due to sing old and new hits live at Budaper's Opera House.

3 arrested for 4 selling dinosaur eggs

SHANGHAI (AFP) Police in Shanghai's Jingan district have arrested three men for selling 16 fossilised dinosaur eggs to a Hogy Kong company, a newspape reported Sunday. The Li beration Daily reported that the men identified as Zhuang, Yang and Xn were arrested as they were about to hand over the eggs on Dec. 25 after sealing the deal ear. lier in the month for 450,000 yuan (\$53,500). The report said Zhuang bought the in Henan province two years ago for 7,000 yuan and had been keeping them for his own enjoyment until last year when he discovered that the price of dinosaur eggs on the black market had risen. The eggs are protected anti-

More drugs wash up on French beaches

BORDEAUX, France (R) — More bags of cocaine washed up on beaches in southwest France overnight bringing the total found the week to an estimated size value of up to \$23.2 million. police said. A total of 105 kilograms had been washed ashore since the first bag were found Tuesday. Police say the drugs were probably thrown from a ship comin from South America for train fickers to collect or dumper as Coast Guards approached The bags had apparently been in the water for week or months.

Cher starts catalogue for

LOS ANGELES (AP) — I you're looking for a teak chair, a chain-mail lamp or the "astrological guide to relationships," Cher's got a deal for you, babe. The at tress has started a catalogue called Sanctuary, and besides the above items, it include faux crocodile storage boxes and clothing she designed herself. Her specialty gothic accessories, but sh doesn't think she's starting trend. "I don't think it's me, she told the Los Angele Times. "Who knows about this stuff? Madonna does it? lot better than I do. Madons is the forefront of the superficial lifestyle. She's brilliant at cashing in."

Indonesia to tighten sale of alcoholic drinks

JAKARTA (AFP) — The Indonesian government plans to limit the distribution of alcoholic drinks amid military-backed campaign that links drinking with rising crime, press reports said Saturday. Ordináry stores including cigarette stalls, will be barred from selling alcohol, the Media Indonesia da ly quoted Health Minister Su judi as saying. The Health Ministry, Trade Ministry and Industry Ministry, which issue permits for sale and distribution of alcoholic drinks, will discuss ways of limiting production, Mr. So judí said. Last week, a company co-owned by a grandson of President Suharto, PL Arbamass, sought govern ment approval for monopoly distribution of alcoholic heverages in the country. The president-director of the firm, Emir Baramuli, said ils move would help reduce the supply of illicit liquor, in crease revenue for the pro-vinces and promote public awareness about alcohol abuse. The firm already holds the monopoly for sales is four provinces, but the monopoly is strongly opposed by the Association of Alcoholic Beverage Producers, which has seen 18 members close down since the Indonesian military began its widely-publicised campaign against alcohol last March.



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General view of a farm ne

Reformer

short of rejecting commun-ism after fierce debate fought Lothar Bisky, a 53-year

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PARIS (Agencies) — French Politicians, eager to share

poils of victory, rushed a pledge allegiance thi Reekend to Prime Ministe Edouard Balladur who look unstoppable with France presidential election less that three months away. With opinion polls showin the prime minister likely to beat any opponent by mar gins of around 60-40 per cent Rail poured in for Mr Balladur while the position of thief rival lacques Chira

Balladur belongs to.
Mr. Balladur's rise with the second s

the estimated 300,000 people made homeless. Many have also lost their jobs. One such scene came last Friday when veteran New Frontier lawmaker Yuuichi come and go.

new S. Africa police head

With the earthquake, the

the state budget as soon as possible, stabilise politics and calm down society in gener-

prepared Cambodia

PHNOM PENH (R) — The if the armed forces continues Strobe Talbott said Sunday.

Mr. Talbott said the proposal to provide weapons had not been opposed by King Norodom Sihanouk, whom he met earlier Sunday.

"I think that we and he are

reduction in the number of officers in an army that once had more than 2,000 generals. Mr. Lord said he believed this figure had been reduced to a "couple of hun-

Police had earlier said that about 50 people were in the building at the time it collapsed, but they later reduced Sobbing on top of a pile to Resources lacking to eradicate poverty tolerable — and potentially catastrophic," said Chile's

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — The United Nations has wound up two weeks of tumultuous negotiations for its first world summit on social development, aimed at eradicating poverty among the world's poorest with ambitious programmes but little money.

But organisers for the conference, scheduled for Copenhagen for March 6-12, as well participants have apparently lowered their expectations and admit there will be no new substantial

Instead they want to convince the world to re-order priorities of current resources to help stop the social dislocation which is fostering civil wars and mass migra-

"This is the first time in history that we have reached a consensus that poverty is morally and politically inmore than anything point the way toward long-term global action and will air the opinions of the states on the

If such a summit puts poverty on the world's negotiating

Clinton, Republicans debate federal welfare role

Boris Yeltsin.

WASHINGTON (R) -Said White House Chief of President Bill Clinton and Republicans agreed Saturday that states should have more flexibility in spending welfare dollars but parted ways on how much oversight the federal government should have. The development emerged

from a nearly five-hour working session on ways to reform the U.S. welfare system that Mr. Clinton held with Republican and Democratic members of Congress, state governors and local officials. All agreed, as Florida Republican Representative Clav Shaw said afterward, that the current welfare system largely controlled by the federal government is "totally out of whack" and "doing more

harm than good right now." Differences emerged over plans Republicans are working on in the House and leaders of the National Governors' Association are discussing that would give states the power to develop their own welfare systems with money supplied by Washington but with few

strings attached. "I believe as it came out today there is an enormous difference in peoples' view as to how much discretion states should have versus the federal government," said Colorado Republican Sen. Hank Brown at a briefing after the

"I don't know if it's resolvable but I think you're going to see that to be the focus of the battle," he said.

mark Nov. 8 elections. Staff Leon Panetta: "There is a debate and no agreement." Democrats concerned that states would leave some poor people, voung mothers and

children out in the cold want the federal government to set some standard requirements as a safety net. Of particular concern is a Republican proposal to bar unwed mothers under age 18

from receiving welfare in an attempt to slow down the number of teen pregnancies. The main U.S. welfare programme, aid to families with dependent children, pays an average of \$365 a month for a mother and two children.

"We shouldn't cut people off just because they're poor or young or unmarried," Mr. Clinton told reporters before the meeting started. "We should promote responsibility by requiring young mothers to live at home in proper supervised settings and to finish school.

"But we shouldn't put them or their children out on the street," he said. Mr. Shaw, chairman of the

key House Ways and Means Subcommittee writing reform legislation, said he would be in a position to open committee hearings in a matter of

Participants on both sides of the aisle said the meeting was singular for its civility after the partisan battles of recent weeks since Republicans took command of the House and Senate after land-

"It was a terrific discussion," said Vice President Al Gore. "We identified some areas where agreement is still eluding us, but we all recognise the work that needs to be done."

The reform challenge is big, fuelled by an explosion of teen pregnancies. In 1993, 14.2 million people received money through the aid to families with dependent children programme, compared to 11.1 million in 1975. The system costs state and

federal budgets more than \$22 billion a year, and many states have already been experimenting with ways to save money after obtaining waivers from federal regula-Critics say the system has

gotten to the point where it rewards some people for not getting a job. Both parties said welfare reform should include a limit on how long people can receive benefits. Said Mr. Clinton: "I know that most people who are trapped on welfare will gladly take the work options if we

can work out the system in the proper way." But by staging the meeting, Mr. Clinton was trying to keep an oar in the debate and avoid standing on the sidelines as Republicans take con-

trol of the issue. "I think it is perhaps the most pressing social problem we face in our country and the time has come for Congress to act," said Mr. Clinton, who touted himself as an Mr. Clinton's welfare last year played second fiddle to his failed health care reform effort, and died. Meanwhile, a House committee approved measures

expert on the problem.

that would require criminals to compensate their victims and allow unlawfully seized evidence to be considered in more instances. Freshman Rep. Sonny Bono of California accused Democrats on the House

Judiciary Committee of playing "relentless games" on the issue of police warrants and searches, as Republicans began their push to rewrite the \$30 billion anti-crime law enacted last year. The committee also adopted an amendment to a

criminal alien deportation bill that would require the federal government to pay the cost of such deportations. The amendment, introduced by Rep. Howard Berman from California gained the support of seven Republicans on the committee from states such as California, Florida and Illionois with large immigrant populations.

With a sole dissenting vote, the 35 Judiciary Committee members voted to send the compensation bill to the full House. It would require criminals to pay full restitution to their victims for all dam-

ages resulting from the crime. The compensation would include expenses incurred by the victim during a trial, such as lost income, child care and transportation.



(blookers watch the high wi Coogne's Deutz Bridge after dipart of the city. Large pa Rhine flood BONN (Agencies) - Flood gods on the Rhine were posed to reach record levels Sunday as steady rain showed 10 sign of abating and water apped at the first floor win-

at around Christmas 1993 with the situation set to remin critical until the middle if the week at least. Cologne, a city of about me million inhalitants, sufined considerable damage in the 1993 floods. 3,000 soiders were placed on aler: around the city, with pontoon bidges set up at many points. . Thousands of people lined the banks and bridges along the river hoping to catch a



Brittany, in France, after

BERLIN (AFP) - Heirs to the former East Germany's Communist Party have reelected a reformer to head their Democratic Socialist Party (PDS) but stopped

with party hardliners. old academic specialising in communication sciences, was the only candidate running for president of the PDS whose party congress was due to wind up Sunday.

in the German capital voter Saturday night to give him another two-year term. French po

looked increasingly gloomy Cooperation Minister Bepard Debre, a Balladur ally called on Mr. Chirac Sunda to withdraw from the race t Rall further splits in th Rally For the Republi (RPR) Gaullist party whit Mr. Chirac heads and M. Balladov, L. L.

best demonstrated when h bundred a meeting of sever hundred RPR parliaments the plant officials Saturds the pledged support to his tather than Mr. Chirac. Aides to Interior Ministr Charles to Interior Ministrict Pasqua who organised the meeting initially expected 400 to 500 top RP

Onlookers watch the high waters of the river Rhine from Cologne's Deutz Bridge after the rising Rhine flooded of the

old part of the city. Large parts of northwest Europe were

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tather than Mr. Chirac. Aides to Interior Minister Charles Pasqua who orga-

nised the meeting initially ex-pected 400 to 500 top RPR in the election.

French politicians rush to back Balladur members. Reporters on the spot later

politicians, eager to share spoils of victory, rushed to said it looked as though abpledge allegiance this out 900 showed up, and Mr. Pasqua was hoping to trade in his influence for the prime minister's post after the April 23-May 7 election. Candidates for the premiership abounded including

Defence Minister François Leotard of the centre-right Republican Party (PR) which solidly fell in behind Mr. Balladur at their national council in Lyon, also Saturchief rival Jacques Ciritac

Specialists had predicted Mr. Balladar would get 80 per cent of backing from the PR where Charles Millon, until recently an influential party leader, had hoped to launch his own candidacy.

But the 2,201 delegates gave Mr. Balladur a resounding 93.36 per cent with 4.1 choosing to support Mr. Chirac and only two per cent backing Mr. Millon.

No one even mentioned former President Valery Giscard D'Estaing who until over a year ago was widely expected to be candidate of the non-Gaullist centre-right

With the possible exception of a hopeless quest by Mr. Millon, there will not be, for the first time in decades, a centre-right candidate. underlining the blurring of

old divisions in France's conservative majority. Commentators said the events would have comforted the late President Charles De Gaulle's cynical assessment of France's politicians. "They're always ready to

rush to the aid of victory," he once said. Education Minister Francois Bayrou, whose centrist CDS party had already hastened to endorse Mr. Balladur, is another would-be

prime minister. Political commentators are wondering whether Mr. Balladur's intention may be to force a merger of centrists, Gaullists and centre-rightists int o a single movement if he

is elected. Mr. Pasqua is expected to try to replace Mr. Chirac as RPR chief after May, especially if Mr. Balladur dissolves parliament to call new

general elections. Mr. Leotard, Mr. Bayrou and a host of others, mostly in their 40s, such as ambitious **Budget Minister Nicholas** Sarkozy, one of Mr. Balladur's two closest advisors, are

said to be already eyeing the 2002 presidential elections. Mr. Sarkozy told fellow Guallists Saturday they should not have qualms about withdrawing support from Mr. Chirac, who nurtured nearly all their careers. "because we have (now) made the choice of lucidity

and for the future." President François Mitterrand, whose Socialist Party has been so far unable to even choose a candidate for what looks like an impossible challenge, used his legendary sharp tongue to mock Mr.

Chirac's discomfort. "He's like someone thrown out of his sleep by a clap of thunder and who doesn't know whether he's just put on his shirt or his pants," Mr. Mitterrand told a Socialist

gathering. Mr. Mitterrand said Saturday he will not reveal a preference between declared Socialist candidates Henri Emmanuelli and Lionel Jospin, who are vying to succeed him in May.

Ecuador-Peru fighting rages on as death toll is set at 23

QUITO (AFP) — Battles ragd for a third straight day between Ecuadoran and Peruvian troops Saturday in a long disputed Amazon border zone, as officials said the fighting had claimed at least 23 lives.

International mediation efforts continued in the dispute, with Organisation of American States Secretary General Cesar Gaviria visiting both capitals in a bid to initiate a dialogue and ease tensions.

Ecuador began calling up reservists born in 1973 and 1974, but even before the appeal reached local media, hundreds of volunteers were coming forward, officials

Defence officials in Quito said more troops, equipment, munitions and materials were being transported to the conflict zone in accordance with a state of emergency declared

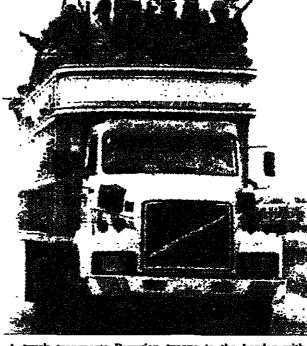
Hundreds of residents were fleeing the region in anticipation of an escalation,

In Lima, President Alberto Fujimori said following a two-hour meeting with Mr. Gaviria that Peru was acting in "legitimate self-defence and that forces were defending Peru's border with Ecuador. Mr. Fujimori acknow-

ledged that there had been "a few squirmishes" between Ecuadoran and Peruvian troops in the Cordillera Del Condor region.

The Peruvian president earlier said while visiting the border town of Tumbes that neither the United Nations nor the DAS were competent to intervene in the crisis.

Ecuadoran Colonel Pablo Viteri, commander of the 17 Pastaza Jungle Brigade, told AFP that at least 20 Peruvians and three Ecuadorans had been killed Thursday in



A truck transports Peruvian troops to the border with Ecuador in Tumbes, Peru. Troops continue to deploy as clashes with Ecuadoran soldiers continue over a border dispute (AFP photo)

the first day of fighting in the unmarked stretch of border along the Condor Mountain range. Col. Viteri also said the

Ecuadorans took a number of Peruvian prisoners, but did not give an exact number. The Joint Armed Forces Command in Quito said

Ecuador had repelled a squadron of Peruvian warplanes Saturday in the Pacific coastal province of El Oro. without any shots being fired. It was the first reported

incident involving air forces since Thursday's clash that led both sides to reinforce their borders. Ecuador also reported

more clashes around the border town of La Cueva De Los A military official in Lima zone, which has been disputed by the two countries for decades. Earlier, Ecuador's President Sixto Duran Ballen said

said meanwhile that Peru was

sending tanks and heavy artil-

lery to the Amazon border

his government's troops repelled an assault by Peruvian troops Saturday in the upper Ceneppa River. Mr. Duran Ballen said he

had ordered Ecuadoran troops "to defend the sites where we have been for many decades."

Both presidents said they would accept mediation from the four guarantors of a 1942 peace accord between the two countries - Argentina, Chile, Brazil and the United

Representatives of the four

countries late Friday issued a plea for dialogue and offered to help broker a settlement.

At the United Nations, the U.N. Security Council was summoned for emergency consultations on the situation by Argentina, which holds the council presidency for January. But the meeting was postponed until Sunday, dipiomats said.

Mr. Duran Bailen declared a national state of emergency and military mobilisation Friday after a series of clashes with Peru.

Lima newspapers, citing military sources, said Peru-vian forces clashed at least twice Friday with "infiltrating" Ecuadoran troops near Ceneppa River.

According to the Peruvian press accounts, Peruvian M1-8 and MI-17 helicopters attacked Ecuadoran positions

with rockets. Peru and Ecuador have disputed the oil — and mineral - rich region along their border for more than 50 years, with the last major outbreak of fighting occurring in 1981.

The latest troubles began with Peruvian reports that an Ecuadoran helicopter attacked a border post inside Peru late Thursday, and Ecuadoran charges that Peruvian troops attacked forces inside its territory the same day.

There had been two incidents earlier this month in the remote mountainous area on the edge of the Amazon

After a nearly year-long war between the two countries in 1941, Peru and Ecuador signed a peace treaty delimiting their borders.

But Quito renounced the 1942 Rio De Janeiro Protocol in 1960, arguing that it had been pressured into signing and that the protocol contained geographical errors.

Bosnia tensions rise as peace efforts stall

SARAJEVO (R) — Rising tension between Bosnia's warring factions and more barassment of U.N. peacekeepers have developed in tandem with deadlock in international peace efforts United Nations officials and diplomats said Sun-

day. The five-nation "contact group" which suspended its mission to Bosnia at the how to overcome its biggest stumbling block — the Bosnian Serbs' refusal to accept the latest peace plan - diplomatic sources told Reu-

The contact group, com-prised of officials from the United States, Russia, Britain, Germany and France, had been trying to persuade the Serbs to accept a peace plan that calls on them to give up a third of the territory

they now hold in Bosnia. The Bosnian Serbs insist they cannot ignore the results of a referendum last summer in which their people overwhelmingly rejected the plan, which divides Bosnia roughly in half between the Serbs and Muslim-Croat alliance.

The Muslim-led Bosnian government has accepted the plan and rejects Serb efforts to treat it as simply a basis for

A source familiar with the negotiations said the Serbs were using the referendum as an excuse not to comprise and described their explanation as "disingenuous".

The political vacuum left by the deadlock in the peace process has brought a rise in tension across Bosnia, with no let-up in fighting in the northwestern Bihac enclave. There have also been ceasefire violations in Sarajevo. U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanko said 66 artillery shell impacts had been reported in the past 24 hours in the Bihac enclave around the town of Velika Kladusa. In Sarajevo, three explo-

sions were reported at about midnight Saturday in the city centre which the U.N. said might have been riflepropelled grenades. The vestigation.

In the Muslim-held eastern enclave of Srebrenica, Bosnian army troops were blocking 75 Dutch U.N. peacekeepers from returning to their base, Mr. Ivanko said.

The Dutch were investigating a recent encroachment by the Serbs in the eastern edge of the enclave.

Mr. Ivanko said it was

possible the Bosnian army

was trying to exert pressure on the U.N. to push the Serbs back after the Bosnian Serbs moved their lines 150 metres forward.

There was also increasing tension between nominally allied Muslims and Croats around the city of Mostar, where a Dutch United Nations military resupply convoy turned back after Bosnian Croat troops fired into

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic sought to play down the differences and called for tolerance between Croats and Muslims, the Sarajevo daily Olsobodjene

reported Sunday.
"Some are accusing us of wanting an Islamic Bosnia-

Herzegovina. Those are false accusations of those who would like to divide Bosnia," he said. Croatian President Franjo

Tudjman alleged recently that the Muslim-led Bosnian government was to blame for growing tensions in the Croat-Muslim federation and claimed the Sarajevo government wanted to create an Islamic state.

Mr. Izetbegovic was conciliatory. "There will be no new confrontations with Croats... there were some problems in Mostar, but we overcame them."

U.N. and diplomatic sources say Croat-Muslim relations have become extremely strained in recent weeks, not only in Mostar, but also in the Magiaj area farther north.

Both sides have arrested police officers along with local political leaders. One Western source said there were reports that Bosnian Croat soldiers had committed acts of "thuggery" and even rounded up some Muslims for forced labour.

Smith on the latest developments in Sector Split (AFP photo) South West. Gen. Smith has just taken over Rift over Europe deepens in British ruling party

LONDON (R) — An Acrimonious rift over European integration deepened Sunday as the ruling Conservatives argued over Britain's patchy marriage with the continent.

Brigadier Robert Gordon (left) briefs new

UNPROFOR commander Lt. Gen. Rupert

Like the nation as a whole, the British government is sorely split over what power member states should cede to European Union (EU) authorities.

With the isolationists apparently gaining ground, a leading Conservative warned Prime Minister John Major that he was mishandling the issue just as a top Eurosceptic trumpeted a shift in the cabinet's stance.

"There has been a clarification," said Employment Secretary Michael Portillo when asked about his government's increasingly combative line towards Europe. "There is (now) no difference between me and the rest of the cabinet. There is no difference between me and the majority of the Conserva-tive Party," Mr. Portillo told Sky News from an international economic conference in Switzerland.

Such claims of harmony aside, the internal divisions over European policy are rife. And they come as a new poll showed Britons are in no rush to move closer to the bloc and don't want to abandon their currency for a money common to all EU members.

The Harris poll conducted for BBC Television showed that 55 per cent of the 1,000 people questioned oppose the idea of a single currency by 1997. Only 31 per cent favour the idea, which is backed by European Commission President Jacques Santer.

from Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose and was

visiting his command's Rear Headquarters at

Mr. Santer's wholehearted embrace of EU integration has pushed Mr. Major onto a collision course either with the EU authorvities or within his own party at home.

And it is the anti-federalist wing of Mr. Major's party that increasingly holds sway, as whispering campaigns rumble around leading Europhiles like Foreign Secretary Donglas Hurd.

Sir Edward Heath, a former Conservative prime minister and strong advocate of an integrated Europe, criticised the budding anti-Europe momentum and said

Mr. Hurd had no plans to leave office.

"What we're doing is attacking everybody else in the union. Some people believe we can change the whole thing to something which is just a get-together and nothing more," he told BBC Television's Breakfast With Frost show. "This isn't going to happen

and if we try it, we do ourselves even more damage," he said.

Already, the party is paying the price for its divi-

Nine Conservative politicians have left the parliamentary party in a row over Britain's contribution to the EU budget, and are fiercely resisting any new loss of sovereignty to Brussels.



reported missing and one

northern France after heavy rain flooded many European cities, authorities said Sun-

glimpse of the inexorable rise

of the waters, and police set

up roadblocks to allow only

the customers of bars and

restaurants through and keep

The situation was critical in

other areas of the country

despite the promise by

weather forecasters of a

The Main and Mosel rivers

were continuing to rise and

many parts of Koblenz,

where the Mosel empties ion-

to the Rhine, were affected

bystanders away.

break in the rainfall.

At least six people were

from homes and a hospital in

Rhine floods expected to reach record levels

by flooding.

Meanwhile rising rivers Meuse River reached record levels overnight Saturday. forced hundreds more people triggering the evacuation of 500 people in Charleville-Mezieres, near the Belgian border, authorities said on

customary anonymity. The rising Oise River prompted authorities to

> the Seine-Maritime region were forced to boil water to drink, and scattered power outages affected thousands. Two factories and a college were evacuated. In Brittany, thousands of people were evacuated from their homes last week and the economic effects were

town Quistreham.

Saturday night from a hospit-al in Laon, 110 kilometres northeast of Paris and 70

residents fled their homes in

the town of Origny-Sainte-

A few kilometres to the

south, the Aisne River.

neared record levels Sunday,

threatening about 1,800

In Paris, the Seine neared 4

metres above normal Sun-

day, having forced the clo-

sure of riverside expressways

and causing traffic jams since

last week. River traffic, in-

cluding the glass-covered

tour boats, were shut down.

Maine and other swollen riv-

ers have kept more than 600

people from their homes in

Angers, 200 in Redon and

160 in the Normandy coastal

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under water as rivers rose under the pressure of heavy rains

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Heavy flooding also hit the

Another storm, one of a

chain that rolled in from the

Atlantic in recent days,

brought some showers Sun-

day and many rivers were

reported levelling off. But

more rough weather was pre-

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In northeastern France the

dicted for Wednesday.

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Netherlands.

High water idled the more than 10,000 workers at Citroen auto plant that builds 1,000 vehicles a day. Several thousand other employees were idled at smaller factories or businesses shut down in severa

ern French towns. In the Normandy city of Caen, sailboarders and kayakers were making use of a flooded stadium but police' were cracking down, fining at least one sailboarder 300

Only 51 delegates voted against Mr. Bisky compared Communist Party have with 317 in favour and 15 abstentions. reelected a reformer to head their Democratic Socialist Delegates Friday night had Party (PDS) but stopped adopted a motion "irreversshort of rejecting commun-ism after fierce debate fought ibly" pledging never to return to Stalinism.

The statement by the PDS, formerly the Socialist Unity Party of East Germany, said dictatorship and centralisation had no place in the par-

ty's future. But the "Communist Platform" led by 25-year-old Sarah Wagenknecht, a philosophy student, persuaded delegates not to officially adopt a more wide-ranging anti-Communist position or pronounce the defunct East

Germany an "illegal state." Mr. Bisky, who drew up the text of Friday's statement jointly with the head of the parliamentary group Gregor Gysi and the honorary party President Hans Modrow, had said he would not accept a further term as party leader unless the statement was

accepted. Nevertheless PDS leaders were forced to make several changes to the motion -including a clause promising that anti-communism would not be tolerated in the party - after it was rejected at the first attempt by almost half the delegates, including a core of hardliners. "The PDS cannot and must

not be anti-Communist," the statement said. But the concession failed to muffle hardliners and Mr. Wagenknecht, one of the party's 14 secondary leaders, announced she would run for another term.

Mr. Gysi then threatened not to seek reelection himself unless the young woman failed to be reelected.

The PDS, whose supporter base is very much restricted to the former East Germany, holds 30 of the 672 seats in the Bundestag, Germany's parliament.

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Way is clear ahead

NOW THAT Sharif Zeid's third government has won Parliament's vote of confidence, the road has been paved for the executive team to carry out its main task of steering Jordan into the new postpeace era. Following the signing of a peace treaty with Israel and the thaw in Arab relations that culminated in the signing of several agreements with the Palestine National Authority, Sharif Zeid's government, guided by His Majesty King Hussein's letter of designation, its own statement on intent and deputies' demands, can embark on the ambitious scheme of transforming Jordan into a model of prosperity and a beacon for the other Arab countries to emulate in democracy and respect of human rights.

We cannot but notice that the debate of the last two days in the Lower House of Parliament has shown a mature House that reflected in many ways the aspirations of the people at large. Though people's immediate concerns are poverty, unemployment and the rising cost of living, most recognise that democracy, respect for the Constitution and the rule of law, respect for human rights and clean government are all essential tools for the transformation of the country into a modern state.

All indications point to the certainty that this government will take the Kingdom to the next elections scheduled for the fall of 1997. From now until then a great deal of work and reform can be accomplished through the joint effort of government and legislature. In this vein, the government needs to draw, as we are rire it will, on the experience and goodwill of the deputies, be them on its side or in the opposition.

The agenda of the new government is therefore full. It includes in addition to the enormous task of managing Jordan's relations with Palestinians, Arabs, Israelis and the rest of the world, and the much-called for and awesome task of reforming the country's political, economic and managerial systems.

Whether on the internal or external fronts, the government mostly needs to mobilise the whole country into one national effort to achieve the goals set by the leadership and aspired by the people.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A WRITER in Al Dustour Sunday expressed deep concern over the situation on the Saudi-Yemeni border noting that statements coming out of Sanaa and Riyadh have been conflicting. Saleh Qallab said that while a Yemeni delega-tion was reported holding reconciliation talks in Riyadh we hear about Saudi massing of troops along the border. There were also conflicting statements between the Yemeni president and the head of the Yemeni delegation in Riyadh Abdullah Al Ahmar, which tend to confuse the situation further, said the writer. Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh's sudden decision to visit Damascus Sunday points to obstacles in the path of a settlement between Saudi Arabia and Yemen at a time when the Yemeni military commanders describe the situation along the border as serious. The writer said that Yemen which has just come out from a devastating civil war should take every possible measure to ciefuse tension. Saudi Arabia ought also to avoid any move that could trigger a conflict and plunge the Arabian peninsula in a cycle of violence, added the writer. He said that internal Arab divisions pose the most serious threat to the Arab Nation.

AHMAD MISLEH, a columnist for Al Ra'i, Sunday called for the creation of a special United Nations fund to handle the sales of Iraqi oil for the purpose of financing Iraq's food and medical needs. Misleh said that the Iraqis have displayed all cooperation and flexibility in dealing with the United Nations and the inspectors who searched and destroyed Iraqi mass destruction weapons, and therefore the Iraqis should be dealing directly with the United Nations and not with the United States which has demanded that oil sales should be handled by American officials and oil companies. The writer said that the United Nations is quite eligible of handling the oil sales and deducting 30 per cent of the revenues for war reparations, keeping the rest for the Iraqi needs of food and medicine. The time has come for the world community, said the writer, to take appropriate measures to save the Iraqi people from their Washington Watch

By Dr. James Zogby

The executive order and the rights of Arab and Muslim Americans

ON JANUARY 24, 1995, U.S. President Bill Clinton issued an executive order which has generated significant

unease among Arab-Americans and American-Muslims. The order is entitled "Prohibiting Transactions with Terrorists who Threaten to Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process." It is viewed with concern because of the perceived danger it could pose to civil and political rights in

One Arab-American leader noted that if the purpose of the order were specifically designed to outlaw groups which carry out violent actions against civilians and to prohibit U.S. citizens and residents from joining or directly financing such activity, that would be acceptable. But, the leader continued, "the order as it is written can be interpreted quite loosely by U.S. law enforcement agencies who may, in their efforts at enforcing it, catch innocent U.S. citizens in their web. That could pose a real danger to legitimate political rights."

The Clinton administration has been under pressure from a wide range of sources to stop the flow of support for Middle East terrorist activities which allegedly comes from the U.S. Most notably, Israel and pro-Israel U.S. Jewish groups have been waging a campaign to identify U.S. opponents of the peace with an international network of "Islamic fundamentalist funding for terrorism against

Two years ago, following Israel's expulsion of the alleged Hamas supporters in December of 1992, I wrote about a campaign waged by these same sources. That campaign was centred on the Israeli charge that the funding and organising of the Islamic opposition in the West Bank and

Gaza was directed from the U.S. The bombing of New York's World Trade Centre in 1993 played right into the hands of Israel by legitimising its campaign in the eyes of some in the media. Within weeks of the bombing, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin visited the U.S. and, speaking before a New York audience said, "so now you know what it's like (to suffer terrorist attacks)." Some U.S. Jewish groups joined the campaign,

as did a number of U.S. media personalities. This campaign caused some panic in the American Muslim community. Hitherto virtually unknown to the U.S. public and unrecognised by the U.S. media, the Muslim community in this country suddenly became the topic of press coverage - not for their contributions as citizens or for their piety, but for their "possible links" to international terrorism.

Their campaign has continued. One Jewish group, the American Jewish Committee (AJC), issued a "policy and action plan on international

terrorism" in December of 1994. In part, the plan says: "private terrorist groups, from whatever source, must be interdicted by governments committed to the fight against terrorism; in the United States and other countries, fund-raisers and propagandists for Hamas, Hezbollah and other militant Islamic extremist groups must be identified and, to the extent permitted by law, their activities shut

In pursuit of this objective, the AIP plan: "urges the president to issue a national security directive setting forth a comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy and to assure that his statements about the urgency of the threat posed by terrorism are heeded throughout the government;" and "through multiple media, educate and inform the American public about the universality of the threat of militant Islamic extremism, to keep terrorism a central issue of public concern until this scourge no longer exists."

Not only were Israel and U.S. Jewish groups behind this

effort to cut alleged U.S. ties to Islamic opposition groups, but several Arab governments and some in the Palestinian leadership became involved as well. They were concerned, on the one hand, with what they considered "confusing aspects" of U.S. behaviour towards Islamic opposition groups, and also by verified reports of substantial wire transfers of funds to these groups emanating from third countries, passing through U.S. banks and then ending up in their countries.

One point needs to be made clear. Wire transfer of funds from other countries are one thing, but to allege that Arab-Americans and American Muslim groups are involved in funding terrorism is something else entirely. There are, to be sure, some Muslim-Americans and Palestinian-Americans who oppose the current peace process. Some of them, through their mosques and charitable groups, have raised money to support specific and well-known institutions in the West Bank and Gaza. The amounts they raise are notable, but not substantial (and are in no way equivalent to the amount Jewish groups raise to support privately funded settlements in the West

The danger that many of these legitimate Muslim and Palestinian-American charities feel is that their activity (which is being attacked by some Jewish groups) may be held suspect by law enforcement agencies and that members of their communities may become too frightened to contribute to their work.

It is therefore ironic to note that Arab-Americans and

American-Muslims also inadvertently played a role in pushing the administration to issue the executive order. After the massacre in the Tomb of the Prophets mosque in Hebron, many Arab-Americans and American Muslims were outraged that the perpetrator was a U.S. citizen who had links to the U.S.-based group of the late Meir Kahane. Some pointed out to the administration that the group Kahane the Jewish Defence Leagues (JDL), and its Israeli successor groups Kahane Chai and Kach, had strong U.S. roots in recruitment, fund-raising and training. They called on the administration to crack down on these groups and to pass laws to eliminate their U.S. connections - without realising that, if they weren't careful, the sword they asked

It should be clear that the executive order includes these Jewish groups as well as the Palestinian and Arab revolutionary groups that are well-known for their opposition to the peace process. But, of course, the Arab-American and American-Muslim groups feel that they will

receive the brunt of the order's attention. The danger inherent in the executive order is not its effort to freeze the assets of these groups or to eliminate their recruitment, training and fundraising bases. The danger, as perceived by Arab-Americans and American-Muslims, could come if the FBI (which is charged with

implementing the order) is given too great a licence.
The Arab-American and American-Muslim communities experience with the FBI has not been a healthy one. Going back to the 1960s, the FBI has been engaged in periodic campaigns of surveillance and what some have described as harassment and intimidation against activists in the communities. On a number of occasions, hundreds of Arab-Americans and American-Muslims have seen their civil and constitutionally protected rights violated by the agency of the government which is charged with protecting those rights — the FBI.

Most recently during the Gulf war, over 200 Arab-American community leaders, including high-ranking elected officials and respected community spokespeople, were visited by the FBI and questioned about their knowledge of anti-American activities. In many cases, these visits were public and caused many well-known leaders a great deal of embarrassment. This FBI effort was so wrong-headed that over 50 major U.S. newspapers wrote editorials demanding that the FBI cease and desist its questioning of Arab-Americans. City councils and state legislatures across the country joined in the call as did scores of U.S. senators and members of Congress.

That FBI campaign stopped, but the fear of abuse by that law enforcement agency remains alive in the Arab-American and Muslim-American communities.

Another case fresh in the minds of many, and not only in the Arab-American community but also in the U.S. civil rights community, is the harassment of the group known as the "L.A. 8." They are seven Palestinians and one Kenyan woman who were arrested in 1987 by the FBI and held for deportation. They were charged with the "crime" of distributing literature of the "Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.'

The L.A. 8's case attracted the support of the major U.S. civil rights and ethnic groups because it is unacceptable in the U.S. to threaten anyone with punishment for political literature they receive or distribute. The case, which has been stalled in the U.S. courts for seven years, may resurface since the executive order lists the PFLP as one of the "terrorist groups." The question asked by U.S. civil liberties advocates is, "does the distribution or even sale of such papers constitute a violation of the executive order," since the order, in effect, bans acts that:

"Assist in, sponsor, or provide funds, material or technological support for or service in support of such acts of violence;" and prohibits: "Making or receiving of any contributions of funds, goods or services to or for the benefit of such forces (i.e., groups which enage in violence in opposition of the peace process)."

Of equal concern to some Arab-American and Muslim-American groups is the announcement by Secretary of State Warren Christopher that the administration will propose new legislation to the Congress which will tighten U.S. immigration laws to inhibit "terrorists" from coming to this country. Of concern are these reported sections of the legislation which will deal with:

- Increased scrutiny of "sham marriages" designed to bring aliens into the U.S.; - Further restricting student visa waiver programmes;

- Making asylum requests more difficult. Once again, the major concern is with the application and implementation of such measures because, if they are interpreted too loosely, they could adversely affect many innocent people whose rights will be effectively abridged. It is significant, as I noted, that the executive order includes Arab, Muslim and Jewish groups. But what

concerns Arab-Americans and Muslim-Americans is that the rhetoric used to discuss and justify the order has been directed exclusively at Arabs and Muslims. There is virtually no measurable support for "terrorism" among Arab-Americans and American-Muslims. Those

who do support such activities are clearly outside the mainstream of the communities and their actions have caused and continue to cause embarassment to the larger community and pose some threat to our effort to advance So, while Arab-Americans and Muslim-Americans are quite unified in opposition to violence and those who

support such activity, we are equally vigilant to respect the rights of those in our community who hold unpopular political opinions. And we have shown our commitment in the past to defend their rights when they are threatened. Cracking down on violence is one thing, but Arab-Americans and American-Muslims are resolved not to

allow this executive order to become a tool to crack down

on political dissent - even if we disagree with the views of those who are being threatened. Our experience is that we can, with the help of our many allies, win protection of our constitutionally protected rights. That is why many of our communities' groups have joined in coalition to insure that this executive order, whatever its original intent, does not become a licence for either law enforcement agencies or some pro-Israel groups to spy on, harass or otherwise intimidate Arab-Americans and Muslim-Americans.

Sri Lanka ceasefire brings relief and hopes

- By Arthur Max The Associated Press

JAFFNA, Sri Lanka Under a bright moon, motor boats steal across the shallow Jaffna lagoon, overloaded with sacks of rice, bundles of clothes, bicycles and people, risking capsizing in the choppy wa-

But for years, a bigger threat has been Sri Lankan navy gunboats enforcing a blockade of the Jaffna peninsula, the stronghold of the Tamil Tiger rebels. Rebel speedboats, armed with machine guns, often escorted the supply boats.

"Sometimes we were caught in between when they fought each other. We would crouch down and watch them shooting over our heads," said Bishop Thomas Saundranayagam, the Roman Catholic prelate of Jaffna, who makes the trip often to visit

Now, a ceasefire declared Jan. 8 — the first fruit of peace talks that began last October — has eased the hazards of the crossing and is beginning to bring relief to the besieged

Shops are filling with goods not seen for years, like school bags and batter-

The armistice also is lifting hopes that after 11 years of bloodletting and 34,000 dead, Sri Lanka's civil war may be heading towards a negotiated settle-

But a history of betrayed truces and decades of ethnic hatred between minority Tamils and the Sinhalese who dominate this tropical island nation still feed distrest and scep-ticism that peace will hold. People on both sides worry that a generation which has grown up in war

will not know how to adjust And doubts also remain their shadowy leader, Velupillai Prabhakaran. A guerrilla fighter for more than half his 40 years, he has crushed all challengers, stifled dissent and inspired

equal measures of hero

worship and fear. "The people are behind them," said one newspaper editor who, like many people in Jaffna, agreed to talk with a reporter only if granted anonymity. "Dur-ing a war, people don't expect democracy."

A whispered conversation with a retired civil servant showed not everyone agrees. "We need our freedon to talk, move about, live as we like. These freedoms are denied to us here," he said. "If someone was to hear me talking like this, I would be killed."

After a decade of war, Jaffna is a shattered city. The heart of a would-be Tamil homeland is a bombed-out rain. More than one person in three

lives in a displaced persons

Most homes have not had electricity for four years. Telephones are a dim memory. With fuel tightly regulated by the government, only a handful of cars are on the cratered streets — nearly all of them driven by Tiger officials. Buses and motor scooters have modified engines that run on a foul-smelling concoction of kerosene and

While the rest of Sri-Lanka blossomed, with an economy growing at 5 per cent annually and a booming stock market, Jaffna suffocated under the embargo. Jobs are scarce and prices high.

The head of the Department of Communal Medicine at Jaffna University, N. Sivarajah, said he found in 1993 that 19 per cent of Jaffna's children were malnourished, compared with less than 4 per cent in 1976. The infant mortality rate more than doubled since the outbreak of the war, to 42 per 1,000 births.

The Tamils contend they suffer institutionalised discrimination and have long demanded control of the Tamil-speaking areas of the north and east. The map of their proposed state of "Eelam" covers nearly one-third of the country, aithough Tamils make up only 18 per cent of the

But the sides seem to be converging. The chief Tiger spokesman says the rebels will forgo their demand for independence and end the war in exchange for region-. al autonomy. The govern-ment has said decentralising power will be the centrepiece of a constitutional revision.

"We would seriously consider a federal model," Tiger spokesman Anton "The entire Tamil view. population also is fed up with the war. The Tamils have been bearing the brunt. We have to fall in line with the global trend of reconciliation."

Hopes for peace have been dashed before. A peace accord mediated by India in 1987 never took hold. And a truce called in 1989 lasted for 13 months before the Tigers attacked police outposts and broke off peace talks.

The avenue for the latest peace talks opened last August when a leftist coalition led by Chandrika Kumaratunga ousted the United National Party, which had governed for 17 years and refused to negotiate with the rebels.

"It is the first time in the history of our struggle that the government has assumed power with a man-date from the Sinhalese people to resolve the conflict by peaceful means," said Mr. Balasingam.

LETTERS

Better readers, better writers and happier Arabs

To the Editor:

I USUALLY do not reply to letters commenting on my columns in the Jordan Times, but I feel it necessary to respond to Mr. Cecil Hourani's letter (Jordan Times, Jan. 29) because I believe that his reading of my column has seriously misinterpreted and distorted what I believe in my heart and what I actually wrote in the newspaper. I would make the following points:

1. I do not at all try to provide a psychological "justification" for Arab terror, since a justification implies

approval or just cause for the acts. I merely insist that the modern Arab political order, in which Houranis and Khouris are willing and happy actors, must come to grips with the full underlying factors that drive some people to terror. We must accurately recognise what causes terror, rather than, ostrich-like, avoiding the difficult totality of the social, economic and political ailments that define many aspects of the modern Arab order. Those who know me and have read my writing over several decades would laugh at the suggestion that I might justify terror. My record for peace negotiations, mutual compromise and Arab-Israeli reconciliation speaks for itself.

2. I do not at all claim to "represent the feelings" of many, perhaps most, Palestinians and Arabs who. I believe, react rather passively to anti-Israeli Arab terror because of the reasons I mentioned in my column. I merely point out this phenomenon, and I make the point several

times in my column that it is a deeply troubling one. Indeed, the single most important moral point of the article

is a strong plea for Arab society to come to grips with the distortions and ravages to our ethics and morality that are inherent in the phenomenon of Arab/Islamic terror.

3. Mr. Hourani is not being fully truthful when he says that I suggest that the demeaning nature of the peace talks is the cause of the frustration that drives the terror bombers. In my article I clearly stated that the main, overall mason for Arab frustration is that a large number. overall reason for Arab frustration is that a large number, perhaps a majority, of Arabs and Palestinians are "unhapby with the current political balance between Arab and sraeli national rights." This refers to issues far wider and older than the peace process, and, at the expense of being long-winded, which I am, I list five other important reasons why many Arabs are frustrated. To choose one reason only is to be unfair as a reader, and to criticise me on the basis of only one of six reasons is to be unfair as a polemicist. 4. I am, indeed, very critical of many aspects of Israeli,

Arab and American official political psyches, and I make my criticisms in an attempt to contribute to the continued drive towards a better Arab World, a drive in which Khouris and Houranis are willing and happy actors. Mr. Hourani enters the realm of conjecture and mistaken presumption, though, when he speculates that my reference to the collapse of the U.S.-Vietnam peace of the early 1970s is "a stern warning to the regime in Jordan." (Mr. Hourani, a gentleman and a scholar, is honest enough to preface his statement with the word "presumably," for he

recognises that he is presuming to read my mind; in this case, he has simply made a wrong reading). He is very creative in interpreting my comments as being about Jordan only, which they are not. I am referring to all the Arab parties that have signed accords with Israel, or that are negotiating and meeting with Israeli officials. His remarks about the possible anger of the Palestinian consists of the description of the description. population of Jordan are intriguing, but they are clearly his remarks, and not from my article. Once again, my point is to suggest that we should not ignore the reality, extent or causes of Arab dissatisfaction with the current peace-making process, and that we should not be afraid to come to grips with people's feelings. It would be a terrible shame if the current peace-making round resulted in a cold peace, like the Egyptian-Israeli peace, in view of what has happened in North Africa since the early 1980s.

5. Mr. Hourani takes several personal swipes at me and at what he interprets as my motives, but I shall not reply to those more personal comments because, a) he has the right to say anything he wants about my character, as long as he correctly understands and does not distort what I actually write and believe, b) I desire only to discuss public issues rather than personalities, and c) it is an honour to have my writing critiqued in public by a person as eminent as Mr. Hourani, for it will make me a better writer, and he a better reader, and both of us better, happier Arabs.

Rami G. Khouri,



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The IAF lawmaker deman-

ded that the government

reassert democracy, allow

freedom of expression to the

opposition, draft a new "fair'

election law and consolidate

the Arab Muslim identity of

the country among other de-

mands (see excerpts from the

speech on page 7).
Dr. Akaileh said the Isla-

mic movement in the Arab

World had been targeted by a

Zionist-Western coalition to

prevent an Arab Muslim re-

naissance and that some

Arab governments have done

more to oppress the Islamists than the "Zionist enemy."

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But he said, the Islamists'

experience in Jordan has

been different from other

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Arab World even though the

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Zionist push" to limit its in-

Dr. Akaileh said, however,

that the Islamists would not

end their political activities or

"surrender" as the Arab

World enters into peace with

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Israel on a long-term basis.

Ministers approved import-

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The measure is intended to

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Government wins confidence vote

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normalisation with the "Zionist enemy." government through one speech representing all its Dr. Akaileh said there was members. Dr. Akaileh said a clear retreat in the counthe Islamists had agreed to try's democratic process participate in the democratic which was manifested in the process so that their progtargeting of political activists, ramme would help in desuppression of the opposiveloping the nation and forming its future. tion's points of view and the utilisation of the official

Leftist Deputy Bassam Hadaddin echoed the Islamists in saying that democracy had been compromised in the country, calling for a national unity government that will bring about the change that people want,

Speaking on behalf of fellow leftist Deputy Mustafah Shneikat, Mr. Hadaddin demanded that the government make its implementation of the peace treaty with Israel conditional on the latter's commitment to achieve comprehensive peace through withdrawing from occupied Arab territories, allow the return of refugees and end its settlement activities.

But President of Al Ahd Party Deputy Abdul Hadi Al Majali defended the peace treaty as a "national choice" that was supported by the majority of the people and approved through constitu-

tional channels. Mr. Majali criticised officials he did not name for "calling the peace process a storm and yet running away from it... so that not to par-ticipate in discussing it."

Praising the government for moving to achieve Arab reconciliation, Mr. Majali criticised "those" who attack the country for stressing its national identity while accepting the uniqueness of the identity of other Arab

"Our unique (Jordanian) identity is part of the diversi-

ty on the Arab arena which has been created by geogra-phy and experience," he said.

Despite the uniqueness of Jordanian-Palestinian relations, said Mr. Majali, "jt is a relationship that should be governed by the vital mutual interests of the two peoples and we have to define this relationship so that not to miss the political dimensions of this relation through emotional talks."

Jordanian-Palestinian relations are predicted on the reality that "we are two peo-ples and it should be taken into consideration that a national Palestinian entity is being formed, thus requiring the assertion of the Palestinian identity, which we hope will not be in conflict with our own identity," Mr. Majali said.

The Jordanian-Palestinian relationship, he said, must be consolidated as one "hetween two countries and two identities in a balanced manner so that others do not use this relation to separate us." Mr. Majali said that Jor-

dan's national identity does

not conflict with any political

identity that any other Arab

people might take for itself. The confidence session on the third government of Sharif Zeid was the shortest among all other confidence sessions that were held since the 1989 parliamentary elec-

The number of confidence votes the government won is second only to that of the government of Mudar Badran among the five governments that took office since 1989. The then 23-strong Muslim Brotherhood bloc voted in favour of Mr. Bad-

Prime Minister pledges cooperation with the House in his response to deputies' remarks

FOLLOWING ARE excerpts from Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker's speech in which he responded to deputies' remarks Sunday.

FOLLOWING are major excerpts from Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker's reply to deputies' speeches in the vote of confidence session that ended Sunday:

The government has listened with an open heart to the speeches of parliament members and their suggestions concerning the country's present and future.

The government will dedicate its efforts to achieve the priorities in the best national interest and will be committed to dealing with all citizens on equal level without any discrimination and acting with fairness and justice.

I will personally and firmly confront any violation of rules or excesses at all levels and I am confident that the Lower House will extend sufficient support to the government in its mission without any bias.

The government's policy statement has stressed that the government will open all avenues for culture in order to enhance Jordan's Arab and Islamic identity. Jordan is the offshoot of the Great Arab Revolt and is oriented towards a pan-Arab renaissance which is designed to help ensure Arab unity and freedom. This government is committed to work within this framework and with a view to achieving the national

objectivės.

started its task by embarking on finalising the basis for a strong relationship between the Palestinian and the Jordanian peoples. This government is determined to pursue its national duties in supporting the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and assisting its endeavours to construct the national institutions. It has started this task by signing agreements

objective.
This government will back the Palestinian peoples' steadfastness and enable the Palestinian people to establish their own independent state on Palestinian soil.

which help to achieve this

With regard to education, the process of change requires some time to bear fruit. But the government is determined to go ahead with plans to achieve a qualitative step forward and an improvement of the educational sector and to spread basic education to all regions.

Regarding higher education, the government will conduct a comprehensive revision of this sector and give due attention to the universities, with special attention to the Al al Bait University. But the government will

carefully examine the situation and the country's needs before issuing further licences for new universities. As pledged in the policy statement, the government

will give due attention to the media. The government's official information will reflect political pluralism. At the economic, social

This government has and cultural levels, the official media will direct its attention to public concerns and various issues related to the public. It will also serve as a forum for promoting creativity and intellectual activities.

The government is committed to amend and modernise the existing laws and regulations. The government is committed to presenting to the House draft laws including a new election law, a draft law on the Centre of Studies and Democracy and Human Rights.

With regard to administrative reform, my government will translate its policy statement into real forms of reform and into practical plans. This will begin from the point of appointing a government employee and will continue throughout the years of service, and will pursue efforts to upgrade laws, train employees and follow up on

their performance. My government will work out practical programmes and their mechanism to activate and stimulate the role of the Audit Bureau and the Civil Service Commission as well as the Bureau for Administrative Inspection and

Control. The government will seek to ensure economic growth and pursue the economic reform programme and ensure monetary and financial stability and stable prices, taking into account the interests of

all parties. The government would like to emphasise its commitment towards ensuring social security through the development of the umbrella that ensures such security and will continue subsidising basic foodstuffs and supporting the National Aid Fund and the Development and Employment Fund.

The government is determined to work out a draft law that can improve the present income tax system and in a manner that can cater to the requirements of the present stage. But the government will not impose new and additional burdens on taxpavers but will introduce a fair and just system for all.

The government will not impose any taxes on capital profits. Investments are needed to help curtail unemployment and poverty and the government will create the opportune climate for achieving this goal and will offer further incentives for

Concerning poverty and unemployment, my government will give due attention to these issues which were discussed by most of the deputies in their speeches. I confirm that the present government will give due concern to these issues and will resort to measures like:

Encouraging investments and creating climates opportune for the implementation of income-generating pro-

2. Increasing the scope of vocational training to help the unemployed get jobs. 3. Ensuring harmony between the educational system

and the needs of the local

labour market

4. Organising the labour market and opening the way for Jordanians to take jobs occupied by guest workers.

5. Measures that will help Jordanians get jobs abroad. 6. Speeding up the implementation of government capital schemes.

7. Increasing support for small-size income generating

8. The government will promote the work of specialised funds that help the

9. The government will stimulate the role of voluntary organisations that help achieve social justice.

The government is determined to give due attention to the implementation of a comprehensive health insurance scheme.

A study has been completed in this respect and will be examined by the Higher Health Council before its im-

plementation. The government will pursue efforts to support the agricultural sector and will make available the required agricultural inputs at reasonable prices to enable this sec-

tor to increase food produc-I would like to say that the government is quite capable of replying in kind to slanderous attacks. But the government prefers to respect the honour and responsibility and the House and to uphold the rules of democracy and

I beg to learn from the gov-

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free expression.

Israel extends siege, urges 'iron fist'

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PLO officials argued that "They must be willing to suffering would only increase deal with terror and terrorists because tens of thousands of with an iron fist, and we will Palestinians were being kept be more flexible politically to from jobs in Israel. allow Palestinian elections "I don't think that the cloand army redeployment with-

sure, a separation of this kind in three to four months," he will solve the problem and give security to the Israelis," Tourism Minister Uzi Barsaid Sufian Abu Zaide, a Am said that a government member of the PNA. majority supported barring Mr. Rabin appointed Police Minister Shahal to Palestinian workers from

head a team that will give recommendations on how to implement the separation within a month. Mr. Shahal said he had

The cabinet decided on the ordered the stationing of police dogs at roadblocks separating the West Bank and Israel to be used in tracking infiltrators and finding explosives.

use of dogs for security because of its association with Nazi tactics used in the holocaust. There is also a taboo on using dogs for police work in the Arab World.

Mr. Shahal's spokesman Rafi Levy said measures "rejected in the past because they were thought to be too harsh and extreme are now

necessary. Rabin spokesman Oded Ben-Ami said the cabinet decided to freeze discussion of Palestinian demands for more prisoner releases. Israel holds more than 5,000

Palestinians in its jails. Also frozen were plans to permit ireer Palestinian travel between the autonomous zones of the Gaza

Excerpts from deputies' speeches

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Abduliah Akaileh (Tafileh - Islamic Action Front)

The introductory paragraph of the government's statement may suggest that the state of law and institutions has been established and that what remains is to pursue the building effort by enhancing democratic practices, achieving instice and equality and carrying out

comprehensive reform. Whoever examines the actual situation of the state in light of this slogan will find out that there is a big gap ogans and mentation.

Is it under the state of law and institutions that authorities provided for in the laws and even in the Constitution are taken away even from senior government ministers. and are they concentrated in the hands of influential secur-

The decision to taken away such authorities are not based on objective judgement or facts, nor are they set to serve national interests. They are designed to serve personal goals and vested-interest

Is it under the state of law and institutions that the biggest political bloc, with the biggest party and the largest number of representatives in Parliament is denied its constitutional right to take its right place in the govern-

our country has been lagging behind. The retreat started with the clear rigging of parliamentary elections in 1993, when all means were used to rig the people's will. The democratic retreat continued during the previous government's term in office, where opposition groups were prevented from voicing their

opinion on the so-called peace process at a time when the government had mobilised the media to canvass support for the official position, which portrayed the peace treaty as a landmark historic achievement whereby all rights have been res-

people were promised a lot in terms of overcoming poverty and unemployment in addition to achieving development and prosperity. However, the nation has woken up at the bitter fact, which transformed its dreams of a better life into a mirage reflected in the form of increasing poverty and unemployment, dilution of salaries of civil ser-

equality allow cabinet ministers to appoint people in senior government posts on the basis of factional, region-

Does the comprehensive reform referred to, in the government's statement Mustafa Shneikat.

means that the qualified,

You have an enormous

Given this situation, does your government have a genuine desire and willingness to affect a real change that will go beyond the change in the language or er the government's policy

trends towards the change

The people as well as us have expected a government change, but we have not expected the mere change of the person of the prime minister while leaving half of the previous cabinet ministers in the new government.

The current stage requires a real government change, a change in the government members and its programmes, a government representing the political powers

It requires a government which is fully aware of the dangerous consequences of normalisation of relations with the enemy... a govern-

The current stage requires a government that respects democratic practices and seeks to enhance them in real terms... a government which respects the right of the opposition groups to express their views and opinion by all means, guaranteed by the Constitution. We need a government which seeks seriously to enhance Jordan's ties with its Arab and Islamic brethren, a government whose media reflect the peo-

and Islamic values. The current stage requires government capable of addressing people's concerns and the deeply-rooted problems of poverty, unemploy-ment by introducing a comprehensive plan, including a package of projects and plans rather than speeches and slo-

The current stage requires a government which will direct special attention to building the Armed Forces and equipping them with the latest arms to enable them to perform their duty in defend-

a government that will introduce a new and modern election law, eliminating all restrictions to the people's will. Deputy Bassam Haddadin

(Balqa - the Jordan People's Democratic Party)

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Socialist Party; The Jordan Arab Democratic Party The Jordan Progressive Democratic Party

Our positive impressions about the government have vanished when we saw that the government structure was, with all respect, based on apolitical and on very traal principles. tion to not conforming with the priorities of the stage mentioned in the letter of

designation by the King. The policy statement was also traditional and void of the spirit of comprehensive reform. Most of its ideas did not specify the mechanisms that would give it the needed credibility and the scientific basis for monitoring the performance of the government.

The statement included some points that might converge with public demands without specifying their content which keeps them open to all interpretation. This includes its mention of the need to revise the Parliamentary elections law, the public meetings law and the criminal law. The promise to revise these laws did not define which aspects of the laws would be changed. In the elections law for example. what is targetted? Is it the one-person one-vote or just marginal amendments to the number of parliamentary seats in view of the new

administrative divisions? Revising or amending any law does not guarantee that the amendment will be demo-

cratic. In addition, one of the biggest problems in dealing with the consecutive govern-ments is related to the level of their commitment to active lated to democratic rights and freedoms.

The problem facing political movements regarding the 1953 public meetings law is not related to the content of the law but to the implementation of the law itself. This law stipulates that before holding any public meeting, all is required is to inform (the concerned authorities) 48 hours before the time for the meeting. Convening the meeting is not contingent on the approval of any party, according to the

The same applies to the National Charter. The statement announces commitment to the National Charter as an intellectual reference. Nice

But we do not find the required translation for this promise in the ministerial statement...

Concerning the hot political issue, the issue of the political settlement and the Jordanian-Israeli treaty, they were mentioned shyly without having the statement explaining to us the government's stand on Israrel's expansion of settlements in the

It also did not define the Jordanian procedures that (will be taken) in case Israel continues to daily affirm its annexation of Jerusalem and annexing vast areas. Why did not the statement explain to us what the government would do about the Israeli cold-shouldering of the right of the displaced to return and Israel's refusal to return the

refugees to their lands? In the socio-economic field, it is still being affirmed that the government would continue to implement the so-called economic reform programme - which means the continuation of surrender to the orders and directives of the International Monetary Fund, which aims to impose more taxes and a gradual

This also means the continuation of the process of privatising several successful nstitutions which turn in considerable profits benefiting the state budget. This privatisation policy will only make the rich richer and the poor

Mr. speaker, dear colleagues, This government is not fit for the current state. It is not

aspects in the government structure is the size of parliamentary representation in it (more than half) and this aimed only to win the government a parliamentary cover which makes us fear that we will eventually have two gov-

We need change in policies, not change in governments. This change will not take place except when governments are based on poli-

tical principles. (The challenges facing the country) make us call for forming a national coalition government widening the

we cannot give our confidence to any other way.

[Amman's fifth district)

mechanism to achieve this goal. "The government says that it will give priority to the construction of the infrastructure for the educational system in a manner that would provide students with baanced education. How can the government achieve this in the rural regions where schools lack the basic elements for educating the new generation there? "It is good to hear the government giving attention to vocational training, but the government is doing nothing to increase the number of seats at the vocational training centres and is offering very modest facilities for training. "In higher education the government's statement pledged that there will be reexamination of the higher education system with a view to linking the country's needs with the educational systems. But the government lacks adequate information about the needs of the local labour market and is in no position to come up with plans to deal with the situation at a time when the country continues to witness chronic unemployment problem. "In information we hope to see the government promoting the role of the media in enhancing the concept of democracy and freedom. "I hope to witness a serious government revision of the existing legislations governing the press with a view to allowing more freedom of expression. have been promised that the peace treaty will bring about prosperity since the Western nations have promised Jordan additional grants and a cancellation of some of the country's foreign debts, but nothing has materialised. The rich nations are giving us very little and the projects included under the peace treaty are faltering due to Israeli obstacles like the discussions

over the dams in the Jordan Valley. Abdul Majid Al Aqtaslı

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"As chairman of the education committee, I ask the government to quickly present the higher education law and the amendment to the Jordanian universities law to the House.

"In the field of administrative development and reform, the government should look for qualified persons in various fields to develop the country and achieve the best for it, whether in health, agriculture, education or econo-

mic_fields... "I call on the government to adhere to its policy statement in this regard. Here I stress that this country which is characterised with its originality, traditions and norms

Excerpts from the rest of the speeches that deputies made in the confidence session will be published

(Continued from page 1)

tranquility.

World Summit for Children which brought together heads of state and government to set targets over the next dedeaths of children by 2.5 mil-

He also pushed a treaty on the rights of the children,

But he returned to international development, serving on the boards of a number of organisations, including the U.S. Agency for International Development and its predecessors.

During the administration of John F. Kennedy he was deputy director of the International Cooperation Administration and deputy assistant secretary of state for Near East and South Asian affairs. In 1969, he became president of the Overseas Development Council, a post he held until he became the

third head of UNICEF in 1979. Mr. Grant leaves a wife and three sons, three step-children and eight grandchil-

For those wishing to ex-press condolences, a book for signature will be open at the

reality, while his remaining illusions are melting away foothills of the Caucasus."

less Moscow started negotiations with him. The Kremlin's statement said that the threat was nothing new, but added that Mr. Dudayev was inconsistent because he claimed to control his fighters while at the same time claiming he could not stop them from

attacking Russian towns. telephone with Italian weekly

Espresso. "It is not what I want, it is a precise plan. (Russian President Boris) Yeltsin has been

Grant passes away at 72

the United States. When he 'after negotiating a week of resigned from UNICEF on Thursday, Mr. Clinton sent him a letter thanking him "from the bottom of my heart for your service to America, to UNICEF and most of all to the children of the world."

Grant was born in Beijing on May 12, 1922, and sent his first 15 years in China, where

his father worked as a medical missionary. He graduated from the University of Cali-fornia at Berkeley in 1943

with a degree in economics. After the war he served with the U.N. Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in China, but then went to Harvard for a doctorate in

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Dzhokhar Dudayev has lost

his grip on reality, the Rus-

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statement following a threat

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No let-up in Grozny bombing

(Continued from page 1) He said as a result of heavy and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) arrived in Grozny street fighting, Russian troops were forced to with-Sunday morning, the ITAR-TASS news agency said.
The delegation is looking draw from three streets they held in downtown Grozny.

There was no independent confirmation of the report. Russian helicopters equipped with loudspeakers circled over villages to the west of Grozny Sunday, warning the residents against attacking military columns moving through the area, now a main route for army reinforce-

They said that if a single Russian soldier dies, the village will be bombed," said Saladdin Akhmayev, a resident of Zakan-Yurt, located about 20 kilometres west of Grozny. "There are no Chechen units in our village,

only civilians.' Meanwhile, a delegation of the Organisation for Security

Grant organised a 1990 cade to reduce the number of

which came into effect in 1990 and now has 170 signa-

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> Mr. Dudayev made his threat to carry the war over the Chechen border into Russia in an interview by satellite

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(Zarga — Hashd) Delivered also on behalf of the views of the following occupied Arab territories.

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Iraq's economy would bounce if sanctions lifted

economy, devastated by U.N. imposed economic sanctions, would soon rebound if curbs on its oil exports were removed, diplomats sav.

The country would not be awash with petrodollars but the government of President Saddam Hussein would have enough oil revenue to boost the economy, at present in the grip of hyper-inflation and acute shortages of food and medicine, they said.

In the event of the U.N. Security Council easing or lifting the sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, Baghdad still faces the payment of hefty reparations and must service debt.

They (Iragis) are secretive about their potential for (oil) exports. What is certain is that activity in the oil sector has not stopped despite the embargo," a diplomat close to Iraqi oil circles said.

Iraq oil officials say that despite sanctions they are working to expand output and export capabilities beyond the pre-Gulf war output of some 3.5 million barrels per day (b/d), above their official OPEC quota of 3.1 million b/d.

They also say they will ask for additional quota from the

Exporting Countries (OPEC) to make up for the losses due to sanctions, estimated at about \$50 billion.

Iraq's Oil Minister Safa Hadi Jawad said this month that oil facilities wrecked in the 1991 Gulf war, when a U.S.-led allied force pushed Iraq out of Kuwait, had been fully repaired and Iraq aimed to become the world's second largest exporter — after Saudi Arabia — once the sanctions are lifted.

Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz in published remarks this month said the possibility of the Security Council easing sanctions at its 60-day review was now "a hot issue" and he expected action

Diplomats said Baghdad was paying the utmost attention to maintenance of oil wells, with Western technicians much in evidence in the Iragi capital.

However, the rosy scenario which Iraq hopes for faces The diplomat close to oil

circles said even if the oil sanctions was lifted Iraq would face an uphill struggle to regain — let alone increase its quota.

"All those (member) coun-

quota they fought for so much. Two of its arch foes in OPEC, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, will have to reduce production and it will be hard to convince them," he

pointed out. Optimistic Iraqi oil officials even say they would aim for production of six million b/d by the end of the century. Given Iraq's huge reserves the diplomats said the figure

was not beyond reach. Even at the pre-1990 level of some three million b/d of exports, diplomats agree Iraq would be able to start development projects after paying reparations and servicing debts.

At the current price of around \$16 a barrel, Iraq would earn about \$17 billion a year. The U.N. would deduct 30 per cent for repara-

With \$13 billion Iraq will still have enough money to service debts, continue with projects and initiate new ones," the diplomat said.

First though the U.N. sanctions must be lifted and diplomats say the United States, which engineered the curbs. shows no sign of easing its hostility to President Sad-

Gulf downturn darkens Bahrain's growth prospects

MANAMA (R) — The small Gulf island state of Bahrain. poor in energy and other natural resources, is feeling the pinch of reliance on oilrich neighbours suffering an economic downturn, economists and bankers said.

Estimates for 1995 growth range from 0.5 per cent to three per cent but economists tend to opt for the lower end. saying prospects have further darkened since most of the estimates were made late last

Bankers said two months of intermittent civil unrest had impacted little on the economy overall but businessmen were naturally more cautious despite the small-scale nature of the troubles.

The government's apparent success in suppressing dissent among the island's large Shiite Muslim community should quickly restore confidence unless there were new attacks on the homes and property of Western ex-

patriates, they said. Senior bank managers strenuously denied persistent rumours within and outside Bahrain that banks had suspended lines of credit but dealers said some foreign banks had slightly reduced exposure to Bahrain.

'Nothing too serious," one dealer commented, saying that a bank which had, for

example, allowed its dealers to do business worth \$50 million with Bahrain institutions might as a precaution have

cut this limit to \$40 million. One Western economic attache also said there was no real evidence of the unrest stopping visiting businessmen but there was a wait-and-see attitude linked more to the Guif downtum.

"The prospects for growth in 1995 and 1996 were poor even before the rioting," one senior banker said of the unrest that erupted in December.

Economists listed the main reasons for Bahrain's problems as the economic slowdown in giant neighbour Saudi Arabia and other Gulf oil states pinched by weak oil prices and the persistent Bahraini current account and budget deficits.

Babrain's economy is heavily dependent on Saudi Arabia, both as a provider of budget support and as a customer for the banking and other services based in the small state of some 600,000.

A growth tourism industry is also largely dependent on strictly Muslim Saudi Arabia. Saudi residents, both Saudis and foreign expatriates, flock for entertainment and diversion to more liberal Bahrain across a causeway to the Saudi mainland only a few

Hotels and real-estate owners said there was evidence of a slowdown in this business.

Diplomats said Bahrain was hoping for increased budget assistance mainly from Saudi Arabia, but also from Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

Such aid was provided discreetly in the past - without fanfare or publicity about the figures involved but diplomats said it had apparently been declining.
Pledges has been expected

when Arab Gulf leaders met in Bahrain last month. But no word has yet leaked on whether Bahrain's cashstrapped neighbours were rushing to help its flagging economy in the face of unusual unrest.

Bahrain confirmed its weak financial position with a state budget that foresaw a five per cent cut in government spending this year. But with revenues expected to fall by 13 per cent, the budget deficit was forecast to widen to 122 million dinars (\$325 million) from 74 million dinars (\$195 million) in 1994.

Bankers and economists praised government efforts to encourage private business and develop a more sophisti-cated financial market, including a liberalised stock ex-

Daily: Iran headed towards economic 'disaster'

gripped by an unprecedented economic crisis and could be headed towards a "disaster" if the government fails to regain control of the situation, a newspaper warned here Sunday.

"The situation is certainly out of control," said the English-language Kayhan International in an editorial entitled "Economic Chaos. "Amid all the confusion... the government is emerging as a toothless tiger."

The daily blasted the economic liberalisation programme pursued by President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as a move which had led to "soaring inflation, corruption

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iran is and financial mismanage-

"If this economic philosophy is not abandoned soon, it will soon turn into a disaster," it said.

Kayhan blamed the public sector mainly for the inflation which reached 35 per cent last year, according to official figures, and double that amount based on independent estimates.

It also blasted policies which led to "major financial irregularities, misappropriation of public funds and graft at top levels."

The parliament launched an investigation two weeks ago into the biggest ever embezzlement in an Iranian state bank, Saderat.

"What the president and his ministers tell the people on the television and at public rallies does not conform to the (realities) of everyday life." the paper added.

Kayhan's editorial echoed scathing attacks launched against the government in recent days amid mounting economic difficulties.

The country's national cur-

rency, the riyal, has lost up to 40 per cent of its value against major foreign currencies and gold in just a few weeks. The situation has been accompanied by a sharp rise in food prices, with some doubling in a matter of days.

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Another English-language daily, Iran News, also blasted "lack of serious and solid" action in dealing with the country's economic ills. saying "hasty, contradictory and uncalculated decisions had led to the crisis.

"We continue to accuse economic saboteurs and plotters in having a hand in our economic crisis," it said. "Such remarks can not solve our problems and can only debilitate the government."

On the financial side, creditors rescheduled \$12.7 billion overdue Iranian short- and medium-term foreign debts last year, central bank gov-ernor Mohsen Nurbakhsh said Saturday.

Mr. Nurbakhsh, quoted by Iranian state radio, said \$12.7 billion of the country's \$15 billion debt arrears had been rescheduled to be paid back within five or six years.

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Iran has a total foreign debt estimated at around \$30

billion. The central bank negotiated the rescheduling of Iran's short-term debts owed to more than 20 countries last

The payments are expected to consume as much as \$7 billion of the country's \$16 to \$17 billion hard currency earnings each year until the end of the century.

states enforcing taxes to heal economies **Arab Gulf**

ABU DHABI (AFP) -Arab Gulf states are enforcing taxes and lifting generous subsidies to revive their economies that have been hurt by low oil prices and huge payments for the liberation of

Kuwait from Iraq. Apparently not expecting any major increase in crude prices in the near future, the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries have opted for boosting non-oil income to spur growth, tackle a persistent budget deficit and reverse a negative trend in their

balance of payments. After decades of heavy subsidies, they have started to cut such allocations on some sectors and remove them on others, introduce fees on once-free government services and raise them on existing services.

The six nations have ruled out imposing income taxes on individuals as they fear this could trigger a mass exodus of skilled foreign labour. But last year Oman enforced corporate taxes while Kuwait

SINGAPORE (AP) - Sing-

apore's manufacturing sector

attracted record investments

last year and officials said the

city-state will work harder in

1995 to achieve the goal of "Singapore unlimited."

Manufacturing investment

commitments in fixed assets

rocketed 49 per cent to 5.8

billion Singapore dollars

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Economic Development

Board said in a year-end re-

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government agencies working very closely together in a

Singapore Inc. manner," an Economic Development

Board (EDB) statement said.

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The agency was set up in

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is contemplating such a move.

"The government is considering enforcing corporate taxes and sales taxes on Kuwaiti companies as well as increasing customs tariffs as part of reforms designed to wipe out the budget deficit," the Kuwaiti daily Al Watan

On Thursday, Kuwaiti Fi-nance Minister Naser Al Rohdan said the government had decided to raise fees on electricity, water, telephone and health services to rationalise their use and tackle the budget deficit.

Kuwait was hit hard by the 1990 Iraqi invasion as it was forced to drain nearly 60 per cent of its overseas reserves of more than \$100 billion to finance a U.S.-led blitzkrieg to end the seven-month occupation in early 1991.

Although the northern Gulf country has managed to rehabilitate its oil sector, its coffers still reel under the war bill and repayment of its

Record investment brings goal

of 'Singapore unlimited' closer

Singapore fulfill its vision of

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and numerous tax incentives.

Singapore hosts about 3 000

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largely in the chemicals, elec-

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By far, the largest investor remains the United States

with American companies

holding fixed assets worth 2.4

billion dollars (\$1.6 billion) in

the manufacturing sector, or

nearly 42 per cent of the total

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EDB Chairman Philip Yeo

told reporters.
The EDB said that the

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Knwait said last week it planned to slash the 1995-1996 budget deficit by around one third from the current year's shortfall of \$5.7 bil-

The measures, targeting a deficit-free budget by the year 2000, including reducing expenditure and raising nonoil revenue

Saudi Arabia, the world's leading oil producer and exporter, has also announced a series of what bankers described as indirect taxes to bridge its budget gap and end the growing reliance on bor-

its 1995 Announcing budget last month, the kingdom said it was hiking petrol prices and electricity, water and telephone charges. The measures, the most sweeping in a decade, also included increases in fares of internal

flights. Saudi Arabia introduced direct income taxes eight years ago but quickly cancel-led them after they sparked mass resignations by fore-

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Fixed asset investments in

services amounted to 443 mil-

lion dollars (\$303 million) in

1994 compared to 352 million dollars (\$241 million) in 1993.

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Mr. Yeo said Singapore

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igners, who account for more than half its four-millionstrong workforce.

"Some sectors in Saudi Arabia, like farming, are still heavily subsidised but they could be reduced in future, a Gulf banker said. "The Saudis apparently did not want to announce all measures at the same time as this could cause indignation by the citizens who are used to

luxury. Bahrain already relies heavily on taxes given its small oil wealth while Qatar is considering introducing more fees on services.

In the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the government last year announced large increases in fees on a wide range of services, including health, education, residence and visit visas, traffic and trade licences. Bankers said they expected such in-

crease, enforced this year, to fetch the UAE more than \$500 million a year, far higher than its projected 1994 budget deficit.

The tax measures in the

GCC, coupled with spending cuts, will likely push down the combined budget deficit to its lowest level since the 1991 Gulf war.

Bankers projected the 1995 shortfall at between \$9 billion and \$10 billion, compared with \$18 billion in 1994, \$14.6 billion in 1993, and \$17.1 billion in 1992. In 1991, the GCC deficit hit a record \$55 billion because of the Gulf war bill.

According to the state-run Emirates Industrial Bank, GCC oil earnings declined to \$70 billion in 1994 from \$74 billion in 1993 due to lower crude prices. This compares with more than \$180 billion in

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY JANUARY 30, 1995 By Thomas S, Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The New Moon in Aquarius sextiles Jupiter and conjuncts the Sun promotes domestic peace and happiness, bringing pleasant temperaments and making a good time to conduct business.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Morning is fine for developing worldly interests, but later don't commit yourself to anything which

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You know how to gain whatever your desire are, so get busy early on such, but don't be too GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Make plans wisely and later be more

willing to compromise with others. Come to an understanding with MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You can gain a cherished wish early in the day, then find ways of helping others who are in

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Get backing from a bigwig in the morning since later you could not reach this busy person or any

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tion with an associate otherwise this could lead to a severance of

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Career activities can be completed very well early in the day, but problematical affairs may arise to delay you. Remain poised. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) State whatever amusements you want to engage in with friends and they soon agree

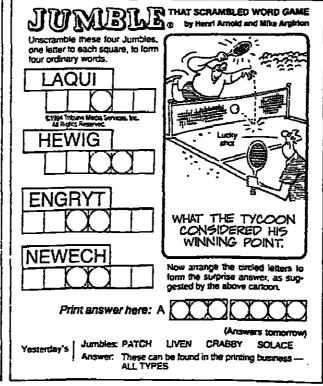
AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Do favours for kin in the morning and they will be grateful, but later you may find they become difficult to handle

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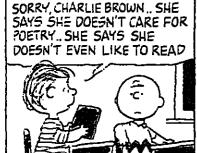
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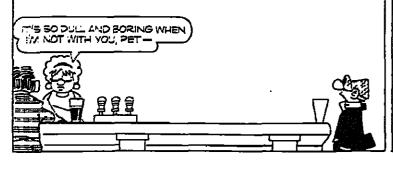
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> **☆☆** The Ministry of Supply is expected to allow the private sector to import frozen meat from India before the beginning of Ramadan. Imports, however, will be restricted to areas that were not affected by the plague which swept some parts of India six months ago (Al Dustour).

> **☆**☆ The Ministry of Industry and Trade is preparing lists of Palestinian products which will be exempted from Jordanian customs, taxes and other fees. Other lists will include Palestinian products which will be allowed into the Kingdom but will be subject

* The total value of projects executed through the Government Tenders Department in 1994 amounted to JD 117 million. The water and sewage projects ranked first, for JD 46 million, followed by JD 32 million worth of projects for the education sector. JD 15 million went for projects in the transport and JD 13 million for the communication sector. Other projects were for supply (JD 5.1 million) and housing (JD 3 million). The department enlists 200 classified contractors, 592 licensed contractors and 10 consultants (Al Dus-

* It is expected that the government will drop all the lawsuits accumulated over the years against those who owe it less than JD 100 as following up on those cases costs the state more (Al Dus-

☆☆ Al Azraq Cooperative Society agreed to resume salt supplies to bakeries until March 1 when the Ministry of Supply is to rule on whether salt prices should be raised or not. Bakeries consume about 500 tonnes of salt each month. The society is demanding that the price of a kilogramme of salt be increased from 130 fils to 160 fils for the consumers and from JD 30 per tonne to JD 75 per tonne for bakeries (Al Dustour).

** Ramtha Municipality is in the red by JD 1,305,000. The municipality is owed JD 217,000 but could only collect ID 75,000 in three months. Efforts are underway to collect the remaining amounts (Al Ra'i).

☆☆ The Tourism Investment Department of the Social Security Corporation plans to expand and modernise its hotels and resthouses this year for a total cost of JD 4.5 million. The department is also conducting technical and economic studies to set up a health spa in the Dead Sea area (Al Ra'i).

☆☆ Agriculture Ministry inspectors seized 20 tonnes of adulterated fodder concentrates. Three merchants caught selling it were referred to courts (Al Dustour).

Abu Dhabi port grows but still dwarfed by Dubai

ABU DHABI (R) — Abu Dubai's two ports, Jebel Ali Dhabi's Port Zaid is attract- and Port Rashid. ing more shipping firms but the lion's share of regional cargo business will stay with bigger ports in Dubai, ship-

ping sources have said.
"There's no potential out of Abu Dhabi. It takes time (to sail there) and the lines cannot afford it," said one Dubai-based official at an international shipping line.

"But if the service (from Port Zaid) became attractive because of costs and the big boys come in, then the trade will take another look," he told Reuters.

Abu Dhabi and Dubai are both members of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Dubai, which is closer to the mouth of the Gulf, became the world's 14th busiest container port in 1994.

Abu Dhabi's Port Zaid handled 26 per cent more tonnage in 1994 than in the previous year, Abu Dhabi Seaport Authority marketing director Shamsul Qamar told

But the total of 1.78 million tonnes handled by Port Zaid in 1994 is dwarfed by the more than 25 million tonnes handled the same year by

"Dubai's the Rotterdam of the Gulf," said an Abu Duabi-based shipping com-pany official. "Traders bring in goods in bulk and trade them. Abu Dhabi's never been like that."

Mr. Qamar said the number of firms using Port Zaid was now 45, up from 34 in 1992, after Italy's Messina Shipping Line signed up to use it as a distribution hub for the upper Gulf and Indian

Port Zaid offers incentives like how fees and discounts for bunker fuel which start between five and 10 per cent. "That's the main attraction, and the published tariff is much lower than in some areas, especially for trans-

shipment," Mr. Qamar said. The authority, which markets the port under its Arabic name Mina Zaid, will add two gantry cranes to the ex-

isting three this year.
"That will make quite a big difference - you can handle two big ships and one small one," said the Abu Dhabibased shipper.

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Foreign Exchange Market Summary (January 23 - January 27, 1995)

AMMAN — The dollar rose marginally against the mark at the end of last week, while stabilising against the yen and sterling. It ended the week 0.22 per cent higher against the

The dollar appreciated against the mark and yen Monday. while depreciating against sterling. Reports indicated that traders were concerned over the recent earthquake that hit Japan and the Mexican financial crisis. As a result, most financial markets suffered from these factors.

The U.S. unit depreciated marginally against other major currencies Tuesday. Its depreciation came on the back of traders' anticipation for speeches by the chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank, Mr. Greenspan, and the U.S. treasury secretary to be given before the American Congress

the following day. The dollar continued its depreciation against the yen Wednesday, while appreciating against European currencies. Though the dollar has depreciated to 1.5035 marks during early trading hours, its lowest level against the German currency since two and half months; however, it rose back to close around its opening levels later that day. The dollar's movement was attributed to Mr. Greenspan's speech, as he stated that the Fed succeeded in curbing inflation.

His statement we misinterpreted as the Fed will not a lise its short term interest rates on its next meeting Tuesday 31/1/1995. However, the dollar rose later, when investors realised that the Fed might tighten the monetary policy to sustain low levels of inflation. Meanwhile, news that a missile fired mistakenly from Norway towards Russia affected the dollar positively.

On Thursday, the U.S. units stabilised against other major currencies. It fell during early trading hours, however, it rose back to its opening levels later that day. Its revival came in view of news that the IMF signed an agreement to extend \$7.75 billion loan to Mexico on Wednesday 1/2/1995.

At the end of the week, the dollar depreciated marginally against the mark and yen, while appreciating against sterling. Heated debate in the U.S. Congress on whether to extend loan guarantees to Mexico affected the dollar negatively. Meanwhile, investors paid little attention to the U.S. GDP figures showing an annualised increase of 4.5 per cent for the fourth quarter of 1994 and thus raising the annual growth to 4.0 per cent, the highest growth since 10 years. Moreover, these figures showed that the GDP price component increased by 1.6 per cent, its lowest level since 30 years. The U.S. unit, thus ended the week at 1.5150 marks, 99.38 yen and at \$1.5895 to sterling.

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| French Franc | 5.2335 | 5.2595 | 10.4918 | |
| Japanese Yen | 99.42 | 99.38 | 0.04 % | |

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Jordan and Hebron sign accords

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman Chamber of Commerce and the Hebron Chamber of industry and Trade in the West Bank Sun-But Port Zaid faces the day signed an agreement to preference of most big lines cooperate in trade, to profor unloading goods in bulk vide facilities for investors by at Dubai - which is close; to business communities and to ocean shipping routes - then carry out joint economic venemploying smaller firms to distribute them regionally in

The two sides agreed to exchange information and expertise towards boosting their, national economies, to conduct direct consultations on trade and to coordinate their positions at Arab and foreign

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official said Port Zaid was getting business from shippers delayed by congestion at There is also strong demand in Abu Dhabi, he said,

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"Everyone's trying to com-

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The Amman Chamber of Commerce President Haider Murac, who signed the deal along with Hashem Natsheh head of the Hebron Chamber, lauded His Majesty King Hussein's efforts towards bolstering support for the city of Hebron and its people.

The new deal comes close on the heels of another signed by the Amman Chamber of Commerce with those in Gaza and Nablus to encourage trade exchanges, said Mr. Murad.

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For his part, Mr. Natsheh said that Hebron welcomes The two chambers will cooperate in organising joint exhibitions displaying nationclose cooperation between al indsutries and to publish the two sides within the fram-work of the general information and reports abagre ... sent signed by Jordan out each other's activities. They also agreed to orgaand the Palestinian National nise regular visits: and train-Authority on Jan. 26, 1995.

ing courses for employees of The delegation from the the Hebron chamber and to Hebren chamber also Sunday had a meeting with Khaldoun facilitate the Hebron chamber's endeavours in Jordan. Abu Hassan, president of the The two chambers will Amman Chamber of Induscooperate in establishing an try, and discussed with him integrated economic base and mutual cooperation in industeconomic deals concluded by rial and economic fields.

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Jordanian firm gets ISO 9000 quality certificate

By Khattab Salman Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Among all Jordanian export oriented companies, only one company meets international standard qualifications, according to the Jordan Export Development and Commercial Centre Corporation (JEDCO).

Jordan Lift Company owned by businessman Moris Swallha was awarded the ISO 9000 certificate some two weeks ago by the London-based Lloyds Register to become the first Jordanian company to be awarded the international standardisation organisation certificate, Yahya Tamimi, marketing specialist at JEDCO said Sunday.

Mr. Tamimi told the Jordan Times that more and more hordanian companies are becoming more interested in obtaining the certificate that would ensure them more to untraditional markets.

He noted that Jordan lagged behind other Arab countries like the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Egypt, and Saudi Arabia which have a larger number of certified companies.

"There are 36 companies in the UAE, 14 in Egypt, and 20 in Saudi Arabia which have been awarded the certificate," Mr. Tamimi said. According to the Geneva-

based International Trade Centre (ITC) the ISO 9000 is a quality certificate awarded to companies that meet a series of standards set by the international organisation for standardisation (ISO). The ITC reported that 62

countries worldwide have adopted the ISO 9000 standards as national standards by mid-1994. Mr. Tamimi said the gov-

ernment is currently considering setting an office at JEDCO to inform Jordanian companies about the ISO 9000, through noting that the procedure is very costly and ment, for example, is paying \$6 billion annually to get German companies certified. 'We do not have any offi-

cial body to supervise this

nian company purusing this certification has to invite international registers to come to Jordan, at the companies own expense," Mr. Tamimi explained.

The Jordan Lift Company was visited four times by Lloyds representatives before being awarded the certificate. More than 120 Jordanian

businessmen attended a JED-CO seminar Saturday where E. Sierra of the ITC explained to Jordanian businessmen the advantages of obtaining the ISO 9000 According to Mr. Sierra.

the development of quality products, testing, inspection and certification activities, including the corresponding certification and accreditation mechanisms and the introduction of efficient quality management systems at the supplier level are all becoming more and more an essential element in international

He added that national authorities, purchasers and consumers as well, want to be assured beforehand that products comply with quality requirements or technical regulations in relation to fitness for use, safety, reliability, environmental aspects, packaging materials, labelling, etc. 3

This assurance can only be satisfactory when it is based on mutual confidence between the trading partners (suppliers and purchasers), that the products are made according to and comply with specified requirements or regulations, are produced or manufactured by enterprises which possess a wellestablished and recognisable quality assurance system, and are certified by impartial competent and recognised bodies (third party testing, inspection, and certification bodies) as conforming to the required standards, specifications or technical regulations.

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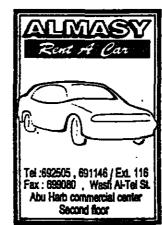
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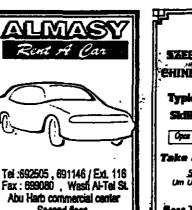
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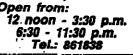


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Kossi takes home 3rd Grand Slam title

VE (AP) — ly confident i defused the TOKYO te Sampras on ing won the Austraat his first attempt. Agassi, the No. 2 seed,

beat his fellow American 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 in two hours, 36 minutes, absorbing a barrage of aces and wearing him down from the baseline. It was Agassi's second successive Grand Slam title fol-

lowing his victory in the U.S. Open late last year. The 24-year-old clinched his win in a typically flamboyant fashion — with an

Agassi had not previously played in the Australian Open, but he went through the tournament dropping

only one set.
"He was just too good for everyone and he deserves all the success he's got," Sampras said. "Andre hits the ball so early. I fought as hard as I could for two weeks and I came up a little bit short

"If he stays healthy he'il be a threat in every major tournament of the year."

Sampras, the top seed and defending champion, had two set points for a 2-1 lead during the third set tiebreaker and looked dispirited after Agassi rallied to take it.

Sampras fell behind 3-0 in the tiebreaker, won the next four points and served for the set at 6-4 with a brilliant reflex volley past a stunned

But Agassi then ripped a forehand return that nicked the net cord and skipped past Sampras for a winner. That was the first of four straight points Agassi won as he closed out the set with a backhand volley drop shot that spun away from Sam-

"I think it came down to the third set. If I could have come back to win the tiebreaker it could have been different," Sampras said. "I can walk out of here

with my head up high that I fought hard and lost to a better player. I can accept Sampras served 28 aces to

10 from Agassi, but he lost all five tiebreakers he played during the first Grand Slam tournament of the year. Agassi made just 26 unforced errors to 50 by Sam-

pras and frequently left the No. 1 seed rooted to the spot with his searing passing shots from both sides

Sampras had 13 aces in the

Agassi, variously dubbed "Andre the giant killer" and "the pirate king", earned

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Andre Agassi of the U.S. looks to his coach American Pete Sampras 4-6, 6-1, 7-6, (8-6). after securing the Australian Open men's 6-4 (AFP photo) singles title on Sunday. Agassi beat fellow-

\$360,000 for his victory, while Sampras took home

half that amount. "I felt like it was a strange match," Agassi said. "You could never be sure who had

the momentum." It was Agassi's third Grand Slam title. He also won Wimbledon in 1992.

Sampras paid tribute to his seriously-ill coach Tim Gullikson, who had to return to the United States from Austraila after a setback in the first week of the tournament.

Gullikson suffered an apparent stroke when he became dizzy and lost his speech and vision for most of

"I just want to let him know I keep thinking about him. And that I wish he was here," Sampras said. "I've been praying for him the last couple of weeks." Gullikson watched the

match at home in Wheaton, Ill., after being discharged for the weekend from the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center. More tests were scheduled Monday.

Agassi said he had great admiration for Sampras' reaction to the trauma of Gullikson's illness, saying his resolve had been "absolutely inspiring." We can all learn some-

thing from what Pete has managed to do," he said. "He's a class act. He's shown over the past couple of weeks why he is No. 1 in the world." Agassi, who dressed

throughout the tournament in wild, coloured clothing and said he had benefited from his self-belief.

"It's the first time I've coem to a Grand Slam and

really believed I could win it," he said.

"I got over a real big hump with that U.S. Open victory. That was a real big step for me.

Sampras, who still has an 8-7 career edge over Agassi. said he believes the two can develop a great rivalry.

"It has to be good for the game," he said. "Andre's the one guy who can get tennis on the front page of the newspapers and tennis needs The Australian title was

won by an American for the fourth year in a row, Jim Courier taking the title in 1992 and '93, and Sampras last year. It was also only the third time in the open era since 1968 That the Australian had an all-American final. Sampras beat Todd Martin a year ago, and in 1982 newly naturalised American Johan Kriek beat Steve De-

"He's played well the whole tournament," Agassi coach, Brad Gilbert said. "He came out and did what he wanted. He beat the guy he wanted to beat. He's improved a lot since the U.S.

Immediately after his win, Agassi's thought's turned to the French Open, the one major title to elude him. "Ironically, the one I haven't won yet is the one I was favoured in both finals," he said. "I want it."

Agassi was beaten finalist in Paris in 1990 and 1991. American Rick Leach and Natasha Zvereva of Belarus dez and Cyril Suk to win the mixed doubles title earlier Sunday.

Leach and Zvereva, plav-

following staff from September 1995:

ing together for the first time. triumphed 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (3-

Mary Pierce kept the ball deep and pounced on Arantxa Sanchez Vicario's mistakes on Saturday to win the women's singles final - her first Grand Slam title.

Pierce, the No. 4 seed, defeated top-seeded Sanchez Vicario 6-3, 6-2 — a result that delayed Sanchez Vicario's bid to take over the No. 1 world ranking from the injured Steffi Graf.

Pierce, 20, avenged her loss to Sanchez Vicario in last year's French Open final and became the first Frenchwoman to win a Grand Slam singles title since Francoise Durr at the 1967 French Open and the first to win the Australian title.

Graf has announced that she will miss next week toray Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo with the same injury. As a result of her withdrawal, Sanchez Vicario will leapfrog the German and take over as No. when the rankings are issued on Feb. 6. The win will see Pierce

move up to a career-high NO. 3 ranking behind Graf and Sanchez Vicario. The tournament, sponsored by Ford, offered total

prize money of \$6.2 million. Australian Open notebook

⇒ Former Australian Davis Cup captain Neale Fraser beleives male tennis players should be paid more than their female counter-

er, a former don champion, said during the Australian Open that the current equal-pay deal discriminates against the men.

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"They play better tennis, they play far more tennis, they attract bigger crowds and they dominate the television ratings, yet they get paid the same as the ladies," Fraser said. Fraser pointed to the

marathon quarterfinal be-tween world No. 1 Pete Sampras and compatriot Jim Courier as an example and contrasted Courier's entertainment value with that provided by women's quarterfinalist Angelica Gavaldon. "Courier not only played a

spectacular five-set match in the quarterfinals, he actually won more games than Gavaldon played." he said. "Yet they get the same pay - can that be fair?"

Of the four Grand Slam tournaments, the Australian and U.S. Opens offer equal prize money.

☆ Pierce feted: Mary

Pierce was inundated with telex and fax messages after her victory over Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the women's singles final at the Australian Open. Prime Minister Edouard Balladur sent Pierce his "very

warm congratulations." 'You can be certain that all those who in our country like tennis share today your

happiness," he said. Sports Minister Michele Alliot-Marie was even more effusive.

"I congratulate you for this beautiful victory made with great skill and talent that puts you in the forefront today," she said. "You have just given women's tennis and French sports a brilliant victory of which we're all

☆ Rankings review: The chairman of the four Grand Slam tournaments have presented suggestions for changes to the current rankings system used by the ATP Tour, which is conducting a review of the system.

Under the current system players count only their best 14 tournament results for the

The Grand Slam committee believes the rankings system should include results from all tournaments to "maintain the integrity of every match." The committee said it

should also reflect the importance and status of the Grand Slams by awarding them at least double the points awarded to the highest-rated ATP Tour championship series tournament.

The committee would also like to see the Grand Slam Cup, which currently receives no points, be awarded an equivalent number to the ATP Tour world championship event.

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final to France's Mary Pierce (AFP photo)

Tales of the stars at Australian Open

MELBOURNE (AFP) -One star was eclipsed and another born at a dramatic Australian Open which wound up here Sunday with Andre Agassi dethroning Pete Sampras.

The New Andre Age of tennis began memorably with suitably street-smart, colourfully attired Agassi coming back from one set down to eclipse Sampras, the supreme fighter, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (8/6), 6-4 in the men's singles

With his baggy shorts which need to be constantly hiked up, a piratical bandana and earrings, Agassi blends in easily with the current crop of sports heroes such as basketballer Michael Jordan and amazing Australian spin bowler Shane

"Andre is one guy who puts tennis on the front page and I think tennis needs that," Sampras said.

Saturday saw a new star firmly fixed in the tennis firmament when tall, elegant Frenchwoman Mary Pierce finaly fulfilled her promise and captured her first Grand Slam title.

With powerful groundstrokes from both sides, she coolly wiped out Spain's U.S. and French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in

The Australian press saw Pierce, with her movie star looks, as currently the hottest property in woman's sports.

The tall, slim Sampras favours squeaky clean white tennis shirts and up to this tournament has been seen as a brilliant achiever, a metronome player who was a teeny

bit dull. Then came the quarter final with his old rival Jim Courier, which opened as Sampras' coach Tim Gullikson - already the victim of

two strokes — was flying back for treatment in the United States after being taken ill here. Sampras was clearly dis-

turbed and trailed 2-0. But he refused to roll over and, as he had done with Magnus Larsson in the previous round, fought back to two-all.

Then a phrase floated down from the crowd through the warm night air: "Win it for your coach."

Sampras cracked. Pistol Petge, Mr. Automata, put his head in a big white towel and wept. He choked. His face contorted, he fought back tears, failed, and wiped at them with his hand.

And then, in one of sport's supreme moments, through the tears he served Jovian thunderbolts. Sampras, who is of Greek descent, took on heroic stature as he fought his emotions and Courier and

More than tears:

There was more than tears on the court Friday after a thunderstorm raged around the Flinders Park complex where 11.000 people were comfortably ensconsed under the huge roof watching Agassi destroying Aaron Krick-stein in a one-sided semi fin-

Moments after they left the court, power failed throughout the complex. The nearby Yarra River rose, overwhelming storm drains and sending brown water cascading across the centre court as TV technicians raced to salvage valuable equipment.

Water also swamped the darkened press centre and the umpires quarters and brought play to a precipitate end as one wage backstroked across the court.

Male-bonding alive and well:

The bedrock belief of Australia male-bonding, mateship, flowered here. Seeing the distressed Sampras. Courier called gently across the court: "Are you alright Pete, we can do this

In his moment of triumph Agassi: who can be as courtly as Southern senator, said that what Sampras had been "showing on the court and off

the court is absolutely inspiring and we can all learn from

it. He's a class act." And Sanchez Vicario first gesture as a defeated finalist; was to kiss the winner on both cheeks.

Drama makes up for falles

The dramas helped bull in the crowds. At least years lacklustre tournament, there

the first round. Germany's Sabine Hack indover, Maryland, the fell in three sets. Fancied fifth seed Gabriela Sabatini lasted and Angeles Clippers to four

only two before surrendering.7 to unseeded tour veteran Marianne Werdel Witmeyer who went all the way to a semi-final execution by Sanchez Vicario. In the fourth round, Wer

del Witmeyer thumped Angelica Gavaldon of Men-ico who managed to hit of winning point in the tie and earned \$24,800.

This and the large number of matches decided in two sets threw a shadow over women's tennis which was only partially lifted by the women's two-set final which included two memorable

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Steve Young, still striving to

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because only they and their parents think they can win.

game cracking jokes," run-

ning back Natrone Means said. "We have no pressure

on us. If we go out and lose

by 50 points, everybody will

say, 'that's what was sup-

posed to happen." If we win,

then we shock the world."

arrives, it's possible that ner-

vousness will undo the Char-

gers, rather than the 49ers.

San Diego is the younger

team, has never played in a

Super Bowl and remembers

being trounced by the 49ers

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did the first game, it'll be

The 49ers, meanwhile.

"There's been pressure on

deny that the pressure will

us in every game this sea-son," linebacker Gary Plum-

mer said. "We beat Atlanta

50-14, and there's criticism of

our clock management, or

the fact we dropped two pas-

ses, or that we had three

know that you're expected to

"It's a good feeling to

over in the first quarter."

cause them to buckle.

'We can't come out tight.'

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When the kickoff finally

The Chargers, by contrast,

"I'm going to be in the

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Sampras had a relatively slow season this year and finished third in the first division after winning three of the game's titles in 1992 and 1993.

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last of the season's titles Arabi, while Al Faisali advanced after eliminating Al

Al Arabi had hoped to repeat their 1986 Jordan Cup success when they overcame Al Jazireh to clinch their first major title. On their way to the final, Al Arabi had then eliminated Al Faisali, Al Ramtha and Al Hussein.

Al Wihdat in Group 1. Al Arabi knocked out Kufrsoum and Al Ramtha beat Al Ahli in Group 2.

Only five teams have won the title since the competition was initiated in 1980: leg Sunday. Al Faisali have clinched the title seven times, Al Wihdat three times, Al Ramtha twice, and Al Jazireh and

Jordan Cup

The knockout competition had begun on Nov. 13 with 28 first and second division teams divided into two groups. All first division teams except for Al Karmel survived the first and second rounds. In the quarterfinals, Al Hussein beat Al Jazireh

Al Arabi once each. The biggest upset of this year's Jordan Cup was the elimination of current first devision leaders Al Wihdat whose last major title was the Cup Winner's Cup in 1992 before winning the 1994 first division crown last Friday.

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Lakers beat Sonics in overtime won for the first time this

season when scoring fewer than 100 points. Spurs 103, Nuggets 77: In San Antonio, Sean Elliott scored 31 points and David Robinson added 18 points, 12 rebounds and seven blocked shots to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 103-77 victory over the Denver Nuggets Saturday

Filiott scored 24 points in the first half as the Spurs shot 56 per cent . and led 56-36 by intermission. The Nuggets, losers of six of their last seven games, could get no closer than 9 the second half.

Jazz 111, Nets 94: In Salt Lake-City, John Stockton moved past Oscar Robertson into second place on the NBA's career assists list, leading the Utah Jazz over New Jersey 111-94 Saturday night for their 12th straight

total of 9,897. He topped Robertson with his fifth assist of the game, a one-hand pass from the top of the key to Adam Keefe under the basket with 5:38 left in the

second quarter. Magic Johnson ranks No. 1 in the NBA with 9,921

Magic 107, Bucks 103: In Orlando, Florida, Dennis Scott's 27 points keyed the perimeter game, led the Magic over the Milwaukee

The win kept the Magic undefeated at home in 21 games this season.

Horace Grant, returning to the starting lineup after missing a game with a hyperex-tended left knee, added 25 points and 14 rebounds. Shaquille O'Neal missed the game with a cut on his left

Faisali, Ramtha battle for Roundthe-world race resumes

SYDNEY (AFP) - Australian favourite David Adams took an early lead in the BOC round-the-world solo yacht race as a fleet of 13 left Sydney Harbour on the third

The leading boats are ex-pected to reach the third-leg destination of Punta Del Este in Uruguay by the end of February after negotiating the treacherous winds and seas off the Argentine coast.

But first they will have to face the hazards of the Southern Ocean which race organisers say will include icebergs and snow squalls before rounding Cape Horn.

Sailing under a vivid summer sky and propelled by a six-to-eight knot northeasterly, British sailor Chaniah Vaughan in the Class II yacht Jimroda II led the fleet across

the starting line.
Then Adams, whose yacht
True Blue led Class-II by 22 hours from Giovanni Soldini of Italy in Kodak after winning the first and second legs, found that puff of wind with which he accelerated to the front followed by J.J. Provoyeur in Novell South Africa Provoyeur and Soldini.

However, 45 minutes after the start, Frenchman Jean-Luc Van Den Heede had taken the lead in his class-I vacht Vendee Enterprises, followed by American Steve Pettengill in Hunter's Child and Adams who was lying third overall but leading

Defending BOC champion Christophe Auguin, of France, whose Class-I yacht Sceta Calberson led the fleet by more than a day and a half into Sydney, was lying fourth overall and third in Class-I.

Crowd favourite, France's Isabelle Autissier, was a disappointed but stoical spectator who blew Christophe Auguin a kiss as he passed, waved to him and commented to fellow spectators: "I wish I was out there, but I'm glad to see Christophe doing so well.'

Autissier was the only woman in the race but its clear leader until being disqualified following her spectacular rescue by helicopter from her cripped yacht in the Southern Ocean on New Year's morning.

Her unfortunate but courageous exploits won her Australian hearts.

With the 49ers favoured by 18-20 points, many ask 'why play?'

MIAMI (AP) — Why play? When one team, the San Francisco 49ers, is perhaps one of the greatest American pro-football teams in the last 30 years, and the other, the San Diego Chargers, is, well, lucky to even be here - why

Which is what a lot of people could be asking by the time the Super Bowl ends Sunday night at Joe Robbie stadium.

For by the second quarter. third at the latest, they may be watching reserve quarterback Elvis Grbae throwing to fellow backups Nate Singleton, Ed McCaffrey and Ted Popson - not long after starters Steve Young, Jerry Rice, John Taylor and Brent Jones have devoured the suspect San Diego defensive back-

By then, the only consolation may be that neither the Buffalo Bills nor Denver Broncos — two teams who have lost seven of the last eight Super Bowls by a com-bined score of 275-113 — are

The 49ers are playing for the NFL championship because they have been one of only two dominant teams in this season of parity. The other was the Dallas Cowboys, whom the 49ers beat 38-28 in the NFC title game two weeks ago, accomplishing the goal they set after losing to Dallas the pre-

vious two years. This is a team of superstars seeking to become the first to win five Super Bowls, while extending the winning streak of the NFC to 11 NFL titles. All but two of the last 10 victories were by lopsided scores, an average of 38-15 the same score by which the Niners beat the Chargers at San Diego Dec. 11.

San Diego? They were picked to finish at the bottom of the AFC West division. Instead, they

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San Francisco 49ers head coach George Seifert watches over his team during the 49ers final practice before Super Bowl XXIX being held Sunday, Jan. 29 at Miami's Joe Robbie Stadium

won the division with an 11-5 record, but remained one of those second-line teams in the "better-than-average" category with the Packers. Dolphins, Chiefs and Lions,

among others. And that's just one of the reasons the Chargers have spent the past week fielding guestions about the margin of

"The only way to get respect is to go out and try to win the game," said Leslie O'Neal, the defensive end who is one of the few recognisable names on the Char-

Thinking the unthinkable: What if 49ers lose the Super Bowl

In a week of endless interviews, only one question left Carmen Policy momentarily speechless

What if the San Francisco zled stare, his mouth open but silent.

Finally, Policy responded. asked.

gers.

unthinkable.

"What would the reaction be?" he said. "It would be that we are, for the purposes of the 1994 season, an irrelevant team — because everything we did has absolutely no bearing whatsoever in terms of where we had to

"That's why Sunday is so critically important, because becomes the closure of all this effort that we've been talking about -- everything we've done, and every dollar Whew. Talk about press-

49ers lose the Super Bowl? The team president gave the inquiring reporter a puz-

'What did you say?" he

It could happen, you know. San Francisco, the most lopsided favourite in Super Bowl history, could lose to the San Diego Char-

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Among the donors will be representatives of the United States and the European. Union who will put forward proposals and try to match them with Palestinian requests, said Oden Knudsen, the bank's permanent official on the West Bank and Gaza

Mr. Knudsen voiced concern that last Sunday's double suicide bombing which killed 22 Israelis and led to the closure of the occupied territories would have "a negative impact on the effectiveness of international aid." The bombers were both

members of Islamic Jihad on the Gaza Strip. "We risk having to invest more in creating immediate temporary jobs for the 50,000

Palestinians who are out of work rather than investing for the long term," he said. The 50.000 Palestinians were employed in Israel until the closure prevented them from reaching their work.

After four bombings which have left 56 dead in the last 10 months, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has called for "total separation" between the Israeli and Palestinian populations to try to halt the violence.

The international community has pledged \$2.4 billion of aid to the Palestinians during the five-year period of autonomy, which began last

However, aid has been

MINYA, Egypt (Agencies)
— Suspected extremists

armed with machine guns

robbed a bank Sunday and made off with \$5,600, police

said. It is believed to be the

extremists' first bank heist to

finance their campaign

In past years, Muslim mili-

tants have targeted jewellery

shops owned by Christians, a

minority in Egypt, and used

the money and gold to fi-

nance their operations in the

Police said the rebels

walked into the local agricul-

ture bank in Abu Qurqas in

Minya province, 220 kilometres south of Cairo.

They fired warning shots in

the air, and then stole 18,600

No one was hurt and no

arrests were made. Police

officials had said earlier the

men stole 125.000 Egyptian

Egyptian pounds (\$5.000).

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million was paid out, Mr. Knudsen said.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat . has warned Palestinian businesses against raising prices of basic products following Israel's closure of the Gaza Strip and West Bank, a PLO official has said.

Khaled Salam, economic adviser to Mr. Arafat, who heads the Palestinian National Authority running Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho, said those who ignored the order would be charged in court.
"The president (Arafat)

has given strict orders to a committee he set up today (Saturday) to closely observe prices of basic products which have more than doubled in the past few days.

"This committee will be receiving people's complaints and will take anyone who tampers with prices to court and punish him by law," Mr.

Mr. Salam said many Palestinians had complained to Mr. Arafat of exploitation by some businessmen of this closure by raising prices of basic food products and other

essential goods.

Mr. Arafat noticed that immediately after the closure some traders had increased the prices of goods such as flour, sugar, cement, iron and animal fodder, he said.

The robbery comes a day after 20 people, 16 of them suspected militants, were kil-

led in southern Egypt in the bloodiest day of the nearly three-year-old confrontation

In the latest incident villa-

gers shot dead a militant on Sunday who opened fire as

they tried to capture him on

Qena to hand him to police

investigating about 15 attacks

on police in Upper Egypt, the

official news agency MENA

Police rounded up 16 mili-

tants from caves in Minya

province, close to the marble

quarry in the eastern desert

where on Saturday they shot

dead 12 fundamentalists in a

In all 15 militants, two

policemen, and two civilians

were killed Saturday on the

bloodiest day of clashes for

seven-hour gunbattle.

said.

with the government.

"Some price increases went beyond 150 per cent and this is not consistent with the situation of our people, especially since the original prices at which these dealers and businessmen purchase the goods have not increased,' he said.

European Commission **Suspected militants**

The companies involved were French group Bull, Italy's Olivetti, Siemens from Germay and Britain's ICL. Mr. Peres and Musa held talks with the heads of the firms, who are also in Davos.

nedetti said the companies were interested in the project for political and social reasons as well as business

"We consider stability and peace and growth of knowledge in that region of the world is the essence not just for that region, for Europe. but for the world as a whole,"

The Davos meeting brings together 1,500 world political and business leaders for an annual six day brainstorming session on the world's most

into the 21st century.

Israel seeks Mideast summit on education

DAVOS Switzerland (Agencies) — Israel has proposed that a summit on education in the Middle East be held this year, in a bid to boost Israelis' and Arabs' awareness about each other's cultures, officials said Sunday.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, attending the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos, was also promoting a deal to provide advanced computer technology for schools in Arab countries.

Mr. Peres gave no precise details of where and when the education summit might be held, but said it should take place in Europe because Arab leaders were more likely to agree to come.

He said the Davos meeting was a "first step" towards developing detailed propos-als, and said he would also discuss it with WEF President Klaus Schwab.

"The real revolution is not carried out by armies. It is by television and youth." he

On the computer equip-ment deal, Mr. Peres and his Egyptian counterpart Amr Musa met with the heads of a handful of international computer firms at the Davos meeting to discuss the initia-

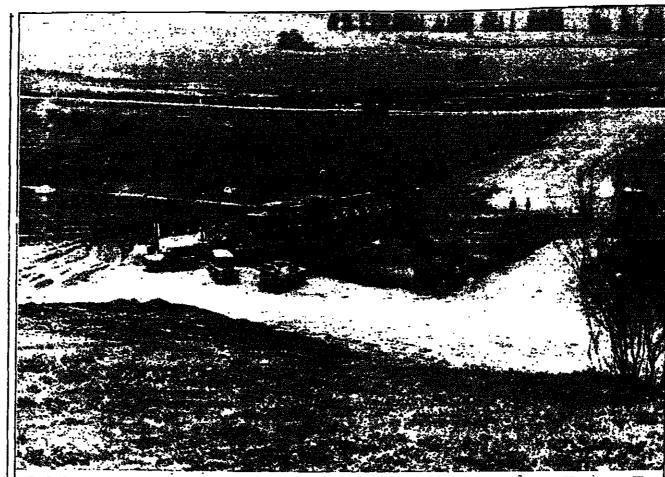
Mr. Peres told a small group of reporters that he had proposed that the European Union pledge 10 per cent of its planned five billion dollar investment in the Mediterranean region to the

President Jacques Santer, with whom he held talks, had received the proposal favourably, he said.

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pressing problems.

Mr. Peres said he proposed the computer initiative because Israel had similar programme and wanted to share the idea with the rest of the region. Mr. Musa said the idea was needed to take education in the Middle East



Jordanian army engineers at work in an area in north ahead of taking control of 830-dunums of Jordanian land from

Engineering Corps after demolishing an old structure. The Jordanian border fence will be moved to near the trees in the background on Feb. 10 (Photo by Rana Husseini)

Ground clear for Israeli pullout

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

ON THE JORDANIAN-ISRAELI BORDER — The pillars marked with red and white are sometimes very close, and otherwise one needs a powerful binocular to spot them in the vastness of the desert. But there is no mistaking that they represent the newly-demarcated international borders to which Israel will withdraw starting today (Monday).

The first phase of the withdrawal will involve the area between the southern tip of the Dead Sea to the Wadi Araba crossing between Jordan and Israel. The second phase will begin on Feb. 9, involving a small piece of land in the north, and both phases will be completed on Feb. 10. as stipulated in the Jordan-Isrzel peace treaty signed on Oct. 26.

At some places in the south, the Israeli fence will be moved back 7.5 kilometres and at others only 100 metres, but there will be no relocating of the Israeli fence to the east...
"The fence will be moved only westwards (towards Israel) throughout," said an officer, briefing the press one day ahead of the beganing of the withdrawFlying low along the length of the Jordanian fence that will be dismantled and moved west, one can clearly see the extent of the hitherto Israeli encroachment into Jordanian land, whether on "security grounds" or quite simply because of the relatively better fertility of the land. Jordanian officers and soldiers are obviously

proud that Jordanian land is being returned to the Kingdom.
"It is a matter of dignity and honour." said a major from the Jordan's southern command. "We have regained every inch of our

land and we are committed

to protecting and defending it with our lives." Brig-Gen. Mohammad Milkawi, commander of the southern region based in Aqaba, said his officers and men have been at work for many weeks ahead of Monday's formal handover of Jordanian land to Jordan by Israel.

"The Jordanian territory here is more than two kilometres deep westwards," he told journalists at a point about 100 kilometres north of Aqaba. "Slightly southwards the depth is three kilometres, and then 1.5 kilometres and so on. There is no uniform depth for the Jordanian land that Israel used to occupy. But we

In the north of Jordan. "Danger, mines," says signs in English, Arabic and Hebrew hanging on a thin wirefence that runs along a dirt track into a semi-circle-shaped plot of land thick with vegetation at a point where the Jordan and Yarmouk rivers meet.

Jordanian army engineers are busy putting the final touches to a steel bridge they have built across a canal that separated the 830-dunum plot that was occupied by Israel in 1950 but expected to be returned to Jordanian sovereignty on Feb. 9. Mines have been cleared

from the area where the dirt track is being turned into a usable road, but the area will not serve as a formal entry point between Jordan and Israel and will remain under the control of the Jordanian Armed

Israeli-built electronic fences will be pushed back about a kilometre along the arch of the semi-circle on Feb. 9-10, the scheduled deadline for Israeli withdrawal from occupied Jordanian land.

Brigadier-General Mohammad Khalaf Injada, commander of the military unit in charge of the area, pointed to a spot about one kilometre from the canal and said that was where Jordan had allowed Israelis to work on Jordanian land as part of the peace treaty.

Essentially, the farmland will be within the to-befenced-in Jordanian area and Israeli farmers would be allowed to come in and work in the farms during the day, said Brig-Gen. In-

Brig-Gen. Mansour Al Rashid, Jordan's delegate to the armistice commission with Israel, said special permits valid for one year were being issued to Israelis. "Only those with the permits issued by the government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan will be allowed to come in to the land during the day and they are not allowed to effect any change to the nature of the farmlands," he said.

The territory in the north was seized by Israel in 1950 in an area known as Baqoura, where a hydroelectric project that was called the Rotenberg complex existed before the creation of the state of Israel in 1948.

Proposal to build an "artificial lake and hotel complex" to attract tourists to the area as a joint Jordanian-Israeli project are being considered. Some reports have put the cost of the project at \$400 million.

At White House. smoke but no fire

WASHINGTON (AP)

Fire engines screeched to the White House on Saturday investigate a smoky odour bu found no fire. Secret Service spokesman Jaime Cagings and the Fire Department to sponded to an alarm of gered in the East Wing of the White House. There was no fire, just an odour of smoth. Mr. Cagigas said. The odouwas traced to an exhaust that overheated and burned out, he said. In addition out, he said. In adding telephone lines in a reception area also burned out for communication to and from the White House was never cut off, Mr. Cagigas said he couldn't explain the communication between the fan and phones. Tours of the White House went on undistorted President Bill Clinton for across the street at the fine attending a welfare conferattending a welfare continuence at Blair House, the presidential guest quarters.

U.S. teachers still white and female

WASHINGTON (AP) -As America's schools become more racially mixed, teacher have remained predominantly white, female and ilprepared for today's dasroom, according to a report To counter the trend, the deans of 89 university schools of education say they intend to revolutionise the way American teachers are taught. The next generation of children will be children of colour — 45 per cent by the year 2000 — but 85 per cent of the teaching profes mains white and female, said Judith E. Lanier, edgation professor at Michigan State University. Organized into a consortium called the Holmes Group, the deins blame the faculty and cumculum of their own institu tions for the racial and semal imbalance between teache and students. The universities, which together have educated an estimated 20 per cent of the nation's 3 million teachers, signed an agreement to recruit a new maturacial and multicultural faculty. They also agreed to direct faculty away from research and publishing towards field work in the schools aimed at making academic research more meaningful to teachers. "We are calling for... a new kind

of faculty member as equally

at home in a school as in the

university," said Frank Mur-

ray, education college dear

at University of Delaware

and chairman of the Holms

ever taught in urban schools

the deans' report found.

Abandoned boy

born in the country of the

known or stateless parents,

the Justice Ministry said. Un-like the United States and some European countries,

Japan grants citizenship

based on ancestry, not place of birth. Andrew Rees was

adopted by an American mis-sionary couple, Roberta and William Rees, who filed sait

after he was refused citizenship. "You are some

thing now. You are a

Japanese," Mrs. Rees told

Andrew after the verdict,

wiping away tears of joy from

her eyes. "The victory is not

only for Andrew but it is

going to affect other stateless

children, too, she added. Andrew, dressed up in a suit

and tie and holding a boo-

quet, said: "Thank you very

much," and smiled shyly.

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Japanese national retrosc-

tively to birth, Justice Ministry official Kozo Tamura

said. The ministry will some

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tions, he said. It wasn't clear

how large that group could be, but the ministry said

there were 1.502 stateless

people in Japan at the end of

1993, including 138 children

age 4 or younger.

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[EL AVIV (AFP) — Israeli TOKYO (AP) — In a roling that gives hope to hundreds of stateless people born in Japan, the Supreme Court granted citizenship to a 4 year-old boy abandoned at birth but rejected as a citizen pecause his mother was believed to be a foreigner. The ruling will change Japan's citizenship policy for people

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^{sports} events ROME (AFP) — Italian sons officials on Monday detied to cancel all sporting and Italian Football Federa-Malariese. The sports offical ignored a government he to continue on fears that

U.S. to extend ban ^{0n n}uclear tests

NEW YORK (AFP) — The third States has extended is moratorium on nuclear treaty banning such testing such testing distration official said Monday. Another the day Anthony Lake, the The House national secur-by advisor, told the Carnegie bere that a comprehensive be signed before Sept. 30,

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iraq urges Arabs not to sign NPT

NICOSIA (AP) — Iraq on Sunday urged all Arab countries not to sign the renewal of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty if Israel refused to do the same, the official Iraqi News Agency reported. The agency, monitored in Cyprus, quoted a foreign ministry spokesman as saving Arab states should not renew the treaty unless the "Z nist entity" signed it. Israel did not sign the original 1968 treaty, which came into effect in 1970 for a period of 25 years. The treaty, which came into effect in 1970 for a period of 25 years. The treaty, which was ratified by 170 countries, comes up for renewal at a conference starting in April. Egypt and some other Arab countries also demand that Israel should sign the treaty. The Iraqi spokesman crincised the U.N. Security Council for forcing Iraq to destroy all its weapons of mass destruction but "ignoring what relates to Israel's possession of nuclear weapons. The spokesman said Israel, which is widely believed to have nuclear weapons capability, was "a grave threat" to security "in the region and in the world." The treaty proscribes nuclear weapons for all by five acknowledged nuclear powers - the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China.

Mubarak sends message to Bahraini emir

DUBAI (AFP) - The emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Ben Salman Al Khalifa, on Sunday received a message from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency reported. The message was passed on by Egyptian Information Minister Safwat Al Sherif who is in Bahrain for a two-day visit, the agency said without giving details of the message. Sheikh Isa paid tribute to Mr. Mubarak's support for Arab and Muslim causes and his role in restoring Arab solidarity, said GNA monitored in Dubai. Mr. Sherif also met with Bahraini Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Ben Salman Al Khalifa for talks on corperation in the fields of information and broadcasting.

PLO forces recruit Israeli informers

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat's security services are trying to turn Palestinians who collaborated with the Israelis before self-rule began last May, a newspaper reported on Sunday. They are targeting known Palestinian informers who have taken shelter in Israel and offering \$500 a month for unspecified "services rendered." the Yediot Aharonot said. The families of those who agree are allowed to return in safety to the occupied West Bank or the Gaza Strip. One such Palestinian double agent was caught near Tel Aviv last week and has been charged with spying. Uzi Landau, a right-wing deputy from the Likud Party, demanded an immediate halt to cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian security services following the

Fan killed at Genoa-Milan match

GENOA (AP) - A 25-year-old fan was fatally stabbed in a stadium brawl before the Genoa-AC Milan soccer match Sunday, causing officials to suspend the game at halftime for "mourning." The victim, identified as Vincenzo Spagnolo of Genoa, was knifed before kickoff. As word spread during halftime. Genoa fans threw bottles and other objects from the stands and chanted "murderers, murderers," the ANSA news agency said. Genoa's captain, Vincenzo Torrente, walked up to a section of angry fans and unsuccessfully pleaded for calm. Television broadcasters said rampaging fans outside Luigi Ferraris Stadium destroyed two buses. Others threw rocks at police trying to separate the two sides. Torrente and Milan's captain, Franco Baresi, each read statements announcing the game's suspension and asked the fans to leave calmly. As most of the 35,000 fans left, groups of other Genoa supporters returned and pounded on barriers separating them from Milan supporters. Some sprayed a fire hose into the crowd. It apparently was the first an Italian First Division game was cancelled for the death of a fan.

Journalist arrested at Rabin's cifice

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Police arrested outside the prime minister's office a Palestinian television reporter who entered Israel from the West Bank on Sunday without a permit, witnesses said. Nabil Khatib, 37, who works for the Saudi-owned television channel Middle East Broadcasting Corporation, was taken away as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin held a cabinet meeting. Israel sealed off the occupied territories after last Sunday's double suicide bombing which killed 21 people, a measure which is supposed to stop all Palestinians from entering the country, including Jerusalem. However, it is relatively easy to avoid roadblocks either by using minor roads and tracks or heading across country on foot. Police arrested 700 "illegal" Palestinian workers last week. They were fined \$150 each and sent back to the territories. Before the closure 50,000 Palestinians had work permits for Israel and an estimated 10,000-20,000 more worked "illegally" in the

ısraeli bus driver takes amorous detour

TEL AVIV (R) - An Israeli bus company has l'amed a runaway sex drive for erratic service on one of its routes. A driver, suspected of slacking on the northern Haifa-Nazareth stretch, was filmed by a hidden camera on his vehicle taking a different sort of bustnan's holiday detours to sideroads where he would make love to his girlfriend. The company, which has suspended the driver, installed the camera after passengers along the route complained the bus often did not come to pick them up in the afternoon, a spokesman for Egged bus lines said on Sunday. "He was not providing the proper public service,"

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MOSCOW (R) - The leader f Russia's lower house of pliament called on Monday is all sanctions imposed on lag after it invaded Kuwait be lifted. "(Ivan) Rybkin stieves that all economic adpolitical consequences of he 'Persian' Gulf crisis ny and Cooperation in strope (OSCE) resoluons," the State Duma (lowalouse) press service said in satement. The statement ™ issued after Mr. Rybkin an Saadi Mehdi Saleh. ^{lag's} parliamentary speaker. is talks on lifting the sanc-

Shohat proposes dropping tax

Mance Minister Avraham hohat said Monday he ould recommend that the emment drop a hugely apopular tax on share prois. Trading on Israel's stock tchange rose by 5.4 per cent fler Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin ordered a change to te law, which came into force on Jan. 1. The tax had epressed trading and prooked a row between Mr. Rabin and Mr. Shohat after the finance minister confesed it was unworkable. Mr.

vents next Sunday to protest sainst the murder of a footall fan and mass riots at a match in Genoa last eekend. The decision was anounced by the head of the lalian National Olympic Ommittee, Mario Pescante, Man President Antonio balling it might only serve to had more violence (see

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pounds (\$37,500). three years, police said. Algerians stage pro-regime march, reject Rome plan

ALGIERS (Agencies) - An estimated 10,000 people -150,000 according to state television marched Sunday against an opposition peace plan and for the militarybacked government fighting a Muslim fundamentalist rebel-

Protected by a heavy force of police as well as amoulances and firetrucks, the crowd chanted in support of President Liamine Zeroual as well as for a "free and democratic Algeria. "Army, people with you eroual." they said, carrying

Zeroual."

banners reading "no to ter-rorism" and "Yes to presidential elections," promised by Mr. Zeroual this year. Another banner criticised talks this month between legal opposition parties and the banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) that called for new talks with the government, the release of political

emergency. Participants in the talks rejected Mr. Zeroual's planned

elections. "Meetings in Rome; plot against Algeria and Alge-

rians." the banner read. The march calmly dispersed and no incidents were

reported.
The rebellion, sparked by the cancellation of January 1992 elections the FIS was expected to win, has left more than 15,000 people dead. Independent estimates there will be a return to the

So far. 76 foreigners have died in the conflict. No Americans are among the

victims, but the U.S. State Department on Wednesday issued another wring against travelling to Algeria. It said those Americans without adequate security should leave. On Saturday, attackers

fatally wounded a member of the government's National Transition Council, the third deadly attack on a council member this month.

Meanwhile, the Islamic Salvation Army, the FIS' military wing, has called on its followers to intensify their attacks during he Holy Month of Ramadan that begins next week, the group's

latest newsletter said. The presidency on Thursday issued a memorandum giving legal parties two weeks to comment on plans for the prisoners and an end to an presidential election. Foreign oppressive state of Minister Mohammad Salah Dembri said Thursday the

vote could take place in July. In Paris, hardline Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said he supported dialogue between the government and opposition but that France needed to continue providing economic assistance to

He said he was skeptical the FIS's leaders would drop "the idea of an Islamic

"The question is whether

most obscurantist elements conceive it," Mr. Pasqua told French Television in a live interview. "That's to say a Muslim society of the 7th century. Authorities in France.

already home to several mil-

lion North Africans, fear a wave of refugees from the former French colony if the fundamentalists take over. Algeria is also an important source of petroleum and trade for France. Guerrillas attacked a school bus in Algeria, order-

ing the children out and then

setting it ablaze, the indepen-

dent Algerian newspaper Al Watan said on Sunday. The children were "literally stupefied" to see one of their former teachers among the attackers, who made them leave their schoolbags

in the vehicle before they got out, the paper said. The guerrillas stopped the bus near Tipaza 60 kilometres west of Algiers. doused it with petrol and set fire to it.

Guerrillas fighting to topple the government have warned children and teachers to stay away from schools. colleges and universities. condemning state education as a prop to the army-backed authorities. Officials say that more

than 600 educational estab-

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